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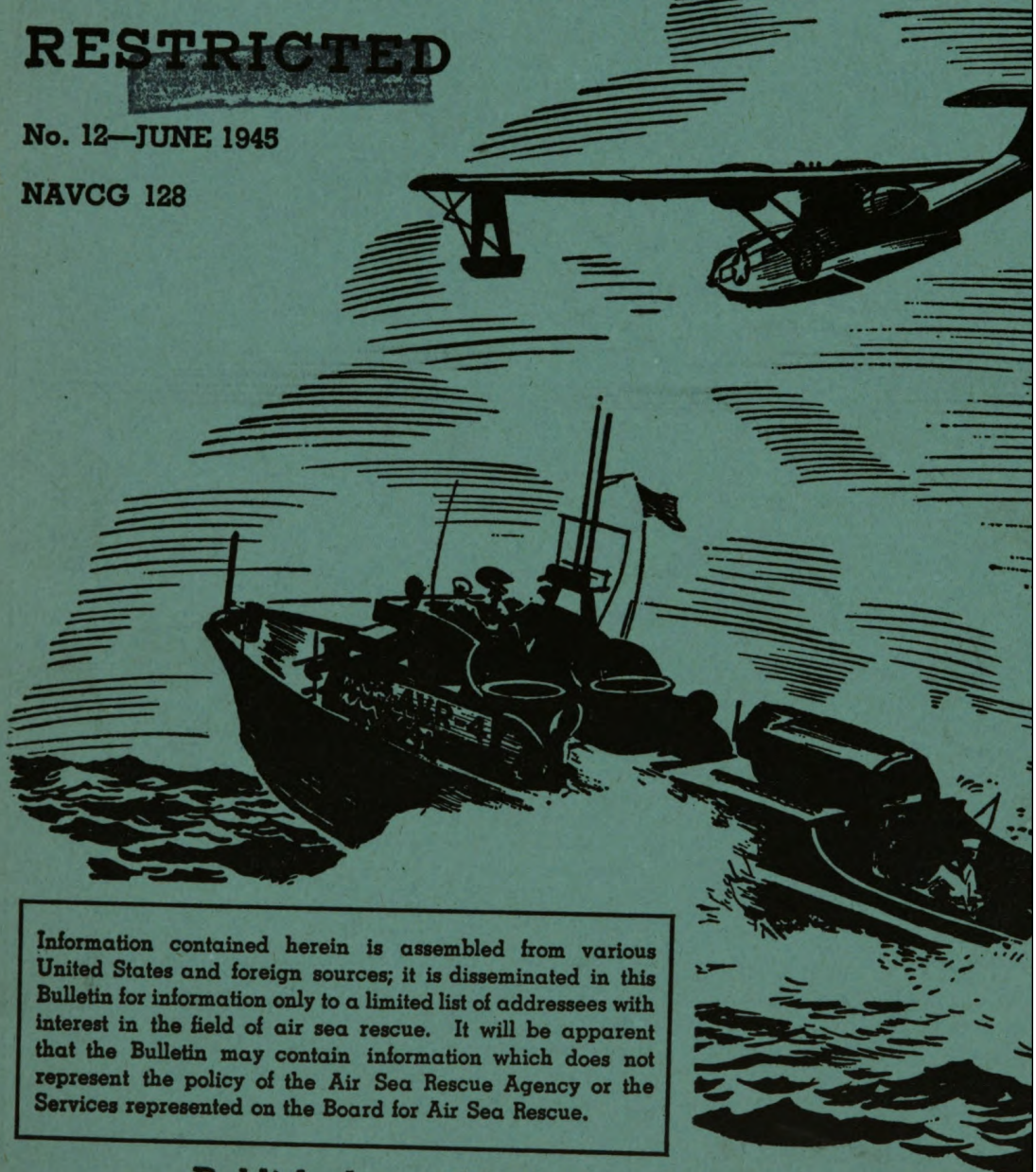
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s down ramp in normal flight positions. On "crash preparation" signal—one blast on horn—each man accomplishes his assigned duties es ditching position.

and Training Teach Airmen to Ditch and Live

drill and survival training and aircrewmembers, conducted the Physical Training and Training Departments at the Naval Air Station, are an over-all program which pre-flight and continues primary and intermediate pilots, and trade and guns for aircrewmembers. The fundamentals have already been learned, and the survival training undertaken here complements the training.

The training was started in November and as of 1 March 1945 over 1,150 aircrewmembers, command crews, have checked through the training and drill.

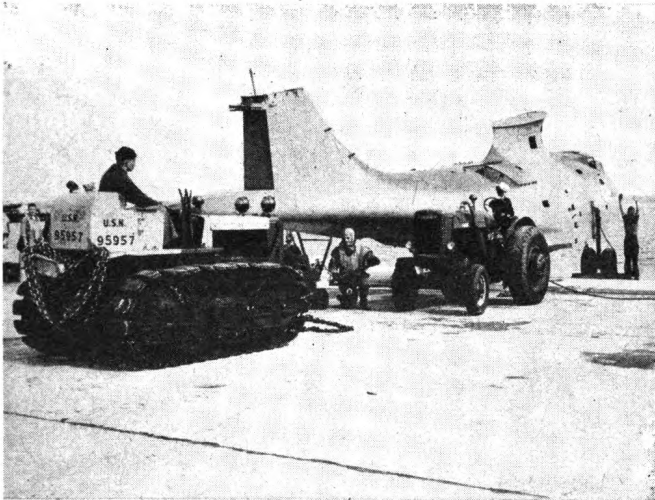
The training, designed to prepare pilots and crews, individually and as a team, to land and live under any emergency conditions, begins at the survival "hut" on Seaplane Point. Here the bulkheads are lined with display boards mounted with all types of emergency gear. In one corner is a Gibson Girl, and at one end of the hut an inflated life raft is rigged with sails. Display boards of improvised or homemade equipment, such as fish hooks fashioned from keys for opening tinned rations, water dippers from bamboo stalks, fishing line and twine from mulberry root, and crude sandals improvised from coconut hulls hang from the bulkheads and rafters. These visual aids graphically demonstrate

what can be done with a little ingenuity and know-how from seemingly useless articles.

Into this realistic setting is introduced the series of five lectures covering every phase of survival. The training is minimal but is designed to cover a wide variety of emergency conditions with easily remembered principles of survival. Because of administrative problems involved, the lectures are set up as separate topics of instruction which can be presented in any sequence. Ditching drill, which is carried through a chronological sequence in the accompanying illustrations, is an extension of the general survival training.

The first lecture covers general sur-

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Left—PB Y hull set up for ditching drill. Right—crew loading gear aboard. Depicts equipment that has potential survival value in an emergency landing at sea.

vival principles including the following topics: self-preparation; equipment problems; improvisation and common sense; morale; abandon-ship principles; short- and long-term survival problems such as travel versus setting up camp, food and water, wounded or sick members; contact with natives; problems in hostile or enemy-held territory; travel hints; environmental hazards,

and medical exposure problems. The other lectures deal with survival at sea, survival on land, special land areas, emergency signals, and a final check on personal survival which includes Mae West life jacket drills and parachute harness drills.

A PB Y hull is used for the ditching drill which provides an opportunity for the crew members to practice an actual

emergency landing at sea. The tension of abandoning ship, seconds count, and the sensation of feeling water creeping up around legs are created to impress on the crew the need for clockwork precise, simultaneous action, and thoroughness. Through these drills, which are practiced with the lectures on survival

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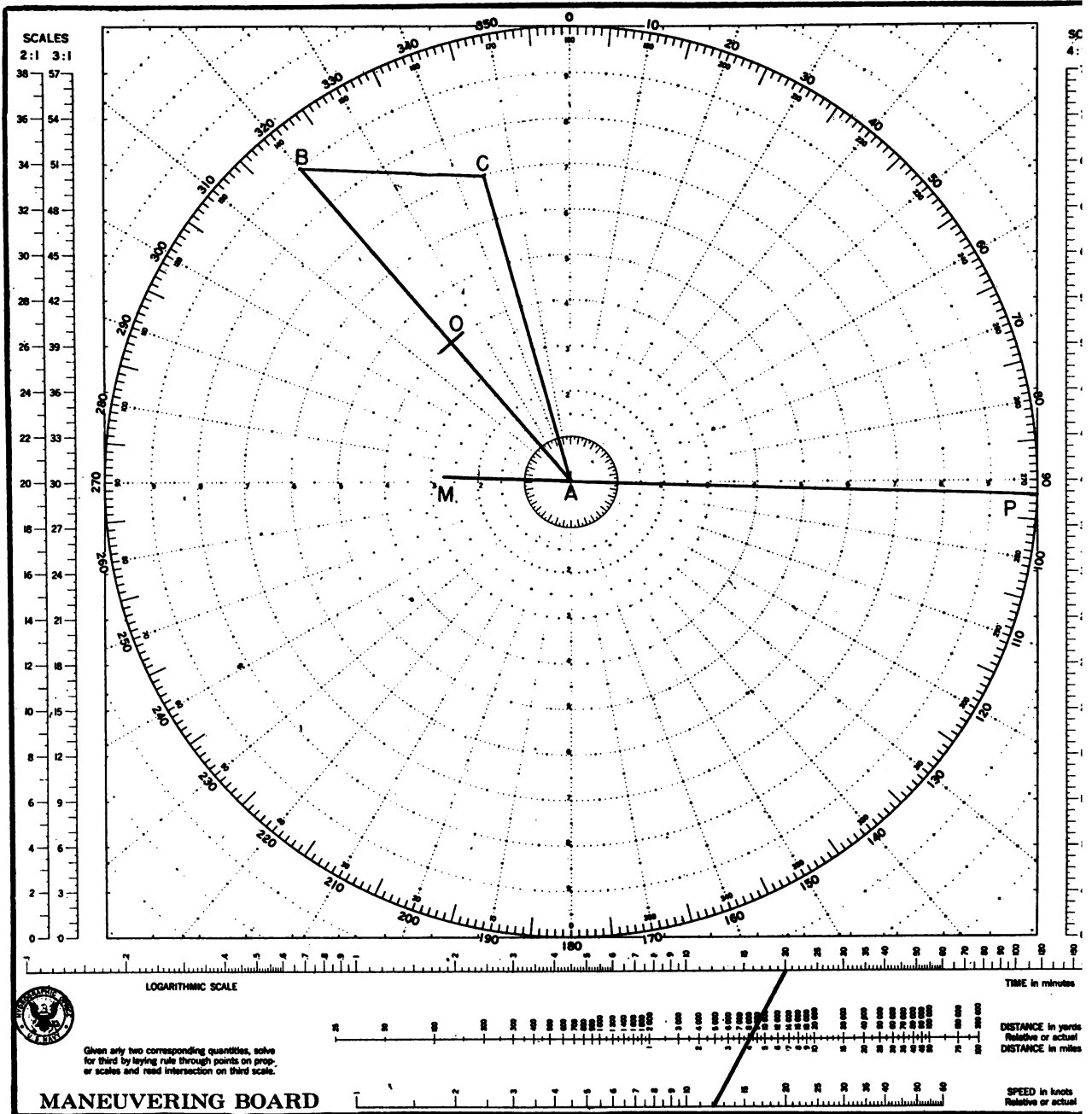
Below—abandoning plane. Water rushes in through holes drilled in aircraft hull.

Right—breaking out raft and readying emergency equipment to load aboard. Note officer clocking the procedure.



Above—as the plane settles in the water the crew is waterborne and away from the immediate vicinity.

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centric circular circumferences of which the tenth or outer one is graduated in degrees. The distance between the successive circumferences may represent any unit of distance, miles or yards. Radii are drawn from the center at intervals of 10°.

The center of the concentric circles, or the base point, is the position of the observer. As the vessel is sighted, a bearing is first taken and marked on the maneuvering board. From the chart showing the distances of visibility from the various elevations above sea level, the distance from the base point is de-

termined. Following is an illustration of the principle involved:

A ship is sighted bearing 320° and estimated to be 9 miles from the observer (point A). Since the successive circumferences may represent any unit, the line AB is drawn from the base point to the ninth circle. Twenty minutes later another bearing is taken, and the ship is found to be bearing 345° at an estimated distance of 7 miles from point A. The line AC is drawn from the base point to the seventh circle. By connecting the two points B and C, and drawing the line BC, the course of the ship and

the distance it traveled during minutes can be determined.

Using a string or a piece of which has been marked to the length of the line BC, the marking is placed point A and carried along the line. This distance is marked by the point P. The line AO is found to extend the line AB to the fourth circle; the distance traveled by the ship the 20 minutes is 4 miles.

By using the logarithmic scale maneuvering board and connecting time (20 minutes) and the distance

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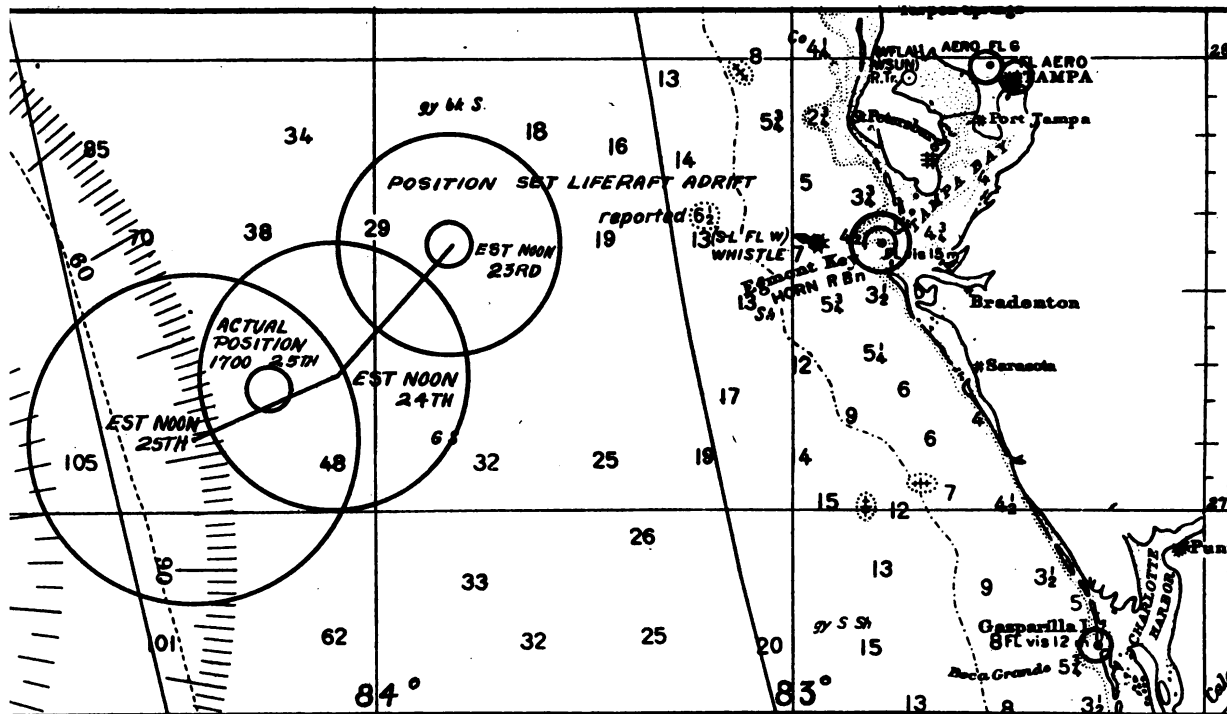
The speed is determined by drawing a line through these two points and measuring it to the scale which gives the speed in knots. The speed is then multiplied by 12 knots. To find the course the line MP is drawn parallel

to the line BC through point A to the outer ring of the maneuvering board, which shows that the course upon which the vessel is traveling is 092°.

The computations will supply the survivor with the information that the ship which he originally observed is 7 miles

away, making 12 knots, and traveling on a course of 092°. With this information he is able to estimate the best time to fire his pyrotechnics, or to determine if it is possible to intercept the ship by sailing or paddling his raft on a set course.

COAST GUARD AIR STATION TESTS H.O. 235



ans of an actual search program. Coast Guard Air Station at Egmont Key, Fla., recently tested the efficacy of H. O. 235 in computing the position of a life raft at sea. This test, conducted over a 3-day period under operating conditions, embraced the following program:

1. Determine the efficacy of H. O. 235 in computing the position of a life raft at sea.

2. Determine radar visibility with a reflector in life raft at various distances.

3. Determine the abilities of navigators.

4. Determine the practice execution of the square search.

5. Determine the senior PPC's ability to control other planes in a search.

6. Determine seaworthiness of life rafts.

7. Determine the efficiency of lookout.

8. Determine the coordination with the problem, and the effect of a two-man life raft at a

point 55 miles, bearing 270° from Egmont Key Light (see accompanying chart). The raft, with drogue streamed, was equipped with corner reflector and carried two 100-pound bags of sand.

Two PBMs and one PBY proceeded to the scene, and during the first day searched for 7 hours without success. Although it was later determined that each plane must have passed over the raft at least three times, it was not sighted. Sea conditions were adverse, and naturally there was no means of signaling from the raft.

Nine hours search were carried out during the second day, based on the computation of where the raft should have been, but again the results were negative.

On the third day, "A PBM was dispatched at 1530; located the raft at 1700. However, the PBM passed nearly directly over the raft on a course into the sun and all forward and waist lookouts failed to sight the raft. The tail

lookout sighted the raft."

The air station regarded the method used as satisfactory, since they found the raft within 12 miles of the predicted position. At that time, the circle of search was 22 miles in radius, and the raft had been adrift for 52 hours. It should be noted that the reflector was dismantled and hanging over the side—another point that possibly could have been remedied had the raft actually been manned.

In working out the problem, a form was used to assist and simplify the calculations. This form, listing all the variable elements making up the problem, precludes the omission of any of the items involved.

If and when other reports become available to support this information they will be considered for publication at a later date.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The method used is the same as that reprinted in AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN No. 5 (November, 1944), on page 2.

"SURVIVAL BIBLIOGRAPHY"

Compiled by Arctic, Desert and Tropic Branch, AAF

This is the second article in a series, reprinting the survival bibliography compiled by the Arctic, Desert and Tropic Branch; Hq., AAF Tactical Center, Orlando. The bibliography is divided into these headings:

- A. General.
- B. Arctic.
- C. Tropic or Jungle.
- D. Desert.
- E. Ocean.
- F. Air-Sea Rescue.

Last month's AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN carried the "General" listing. Following are the next two sections—"Arctic" and "Tropic or Jungle." The remainder will be published in the next issue of the BULLETIN.

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Airborne Lifeboat Rescue in North

The Fifth Emergency Rescue won adeptly figured in a North Sea rescue making the first AAF airboat drop in the action. The lifeline new piece of squadron equipment prepared for inspection and demonstration for two AAF generals and subject of considerable interest.

"The Generals had not left the boat more than five minutes, we got a call that six men were down in the North Sea off the coast of Norway," says the narrative of the rescue who set up the boat. "We immediately went to work like fiends—on the boat working on a B-17 cutting holes in the bomb-bay doors for the support of another gassing up the boat, and the self-righting chambers, etc. little more than an hour we were away."

Although the raft was spotted 2 hours, conditions were very poor. 35-mile-per-hour wind whipped the caps on the surface and tossed the raft with its six huddled passengers. The cork. The temperature was only 20 degrees below zero.

Twelve minutes after the boat had been cut loose from the plane the survivors were in it and under way. The engines turning over. Speed a scanty here bring credit both to the plane and the survivors. The plane made one dry run, at which time the bombs were dropped to mark the position. On the next run the boat was released and fell within 100 feet of the raft. Luck played a part, too, of the rocket lines went right across the raft!

A gale came up very shortly after the men made the boat. A torpedo boat sent out to meet the survivors and they were stopped by 60-mile wind waves, in one of the year's worst North Sea storms.

"As the storm came up the survivors headed their boat right into the wind, both engines going at full throttle for 32 hours without stopping until both fuel tanks were dry.

"The men were fine until they ran out of gas. We tried to find them but the planes to drop more gas, but the weather was so bad that we could not spot them. When their gas ran out the boat drifted abeam to the seas before they could get their sea anchor out. A tremendous

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Airborne Lifeboat Rescue (Continued)

coamer hit the boat, throwing three men on deck right into the water, snapped off the center board and completely flooded the boat until nothing but the self-righting chambers and one gunwale were above water.

"One of the men in the boat threw the toss line to the men in the water. The three got back aboard and the boat rose slowly as the water drained out of her.

"They got the sea anchor out, baled her, and rode it out until the torpedo boat got their bearing from the Gibson Girl radio and homed on their signal. Until the third day the wind was too strong to fly the antenna kite of the Gibson Girl."

The torpedo boat met the lifeboat on the third day and brought the men back safely to England. Although all but two of the men had to be lifted aboard the rescuing boat, the worst effects of their journey were mildly frostbitten feet. Due to rough weather it was impossible to salvage the lifeboat, which had to be sunk by gunfire.

No conclusions need be drawn as to the probable fate of the six survivors in the absence of the airborne lifeboat. Note should be made of the valuable contribution of the Gibson Girl in helping to effect the rescue.

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Jungle and Desert Emergencies. n. d. 88 pp. Cloth Snap (cover another edition, cloth without snap). 4¾ x 5½. Unclassified.	Published by Directorate of Air Traffic and Safety, and Directorate of Safety Education, Winston-Salem, N. C. (Superseded by Item A-11).	Notes on signaling, shelter, edible and poisonous plants and animals, trail craft and health.
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ABSTRACT

Emergency Food in Arctic Canada

Prefaced by generalities as to productivity of different parts of Arctic, this publication contains pages of descriptive information on what and where fish, game and life can be found in the arctic areas of Canada, Greenland and Alaska. In addition, it discusses the methods and techniques of securing food and shelter, the habits and habitats of the natives living in this part of the Arctic. Source—*Emergency Food in Arctic Canada*—Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, Geological Survey of Canada; Contribution 45-1 by A. E. P. Ottawa, 1945.

"Your Body in Flight"

Copies of the AAF revised edition of *Your Body in Flight*, TO No. 30 may be requisitioned through the Air Inspector in accordance with TO No. 00-25-3, or from the commanding General, Fairfield Air Technical Service Command, Fairfield Field; Attention: Publications Distribution Branch, as outlined in Reg. 5-9. Issue to individual personnel will continue as with the old edition.

Correction in No. 8 BULLETIN
 Attention is invited to a graphical error on page 18, column 1, paragraph 5, line 7, of the 1944 AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN. The sentence should be corrected to "For a loaded raft without drogue . . ."

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book. ADTIC Bul-944 (Aug.). 108 pp. 1/2 x 6. Unclassified.	<i>Obtainable from:</i> ADT Branch, AFTAC, Orlando, Fla.	Geography, peoples, languages, edible and dangerous plants and animals, and notes on care of personnel.
fare. F. M. 31-20, c.). 87 pp. 4 1/2 x 7 1/2. d.	Published by War Dept., Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. <i>Obtainable</i> through normal channels used in ordering War Dept. publications.	Basic manual on tactics and care of personnel in jungle areas.
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e you find it. A guide cy foods of the West- 1943. First impres- 1943; second impres- 43. 72 pp. 4 1/4 x 5 1/4. d.	Published by order of the Council, Auckland Institute and Museum, Auckland, New Zealand. Printed by New Zealand Newspapers, Ltd., Auckland, New Zealand. <i>Obtainable from:</i> New Zealand Air Mission, Washington, D. C.	Pocket guide with descriptions and illustrations of edible and poisonous plants and animals.
Food Plants and Points of the Islands of T. M. 10-420. Mer-D. 1943. (15 April). Figs. \$0.15. 4 1/4 x 6 1/4. i.	Published by War Dept., Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. <i>Obtainable</i> through normal channels used in ordering War Dept. publications.	Scientifically accurate description of plants and how to use them, by recognized authority on the subject.
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Book. Military mphlet No. 9 (India) tion. MGS M 436 DL 920. Army 6/11 Britain, 1943 (Sept.) is. 6 1/2 x 9 1/2. Re-	Published by British Army Staff. <i>Obtainable from:</i> Foreign Liaison Section, MIS G-2, WDGs, Washington, D. C.	Tactics, camouflage, booby traps, etc. for fighting in India. Jungle living, uses of bamboo, living off the country and first aid.

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Restricted Use of Dye Marker Subject of AirPac Bulletin

Because of the effectiveness of fluorescein dye as a sea marking material, it has also been used as a marker for other purposes. An example of this misleading practice is found in a summary of air-sea rescue statistics for April 1945, from NAS, Quonset Point, R. I.: "Rescue PBY dispatched to scene and sighted a dye marker, but secured on report that a TBM and F4U from As-Devlant had dropped them in drill."

While other authorities will probably issue orders concerning this practice, one has already taken action. Commander Air Force, Pacific Fleet, has issued Technical Bulletin 34TB-45 directing that fluorescein dye sea marker shall be used for marking air-sea rescue incidents *only* to preclude the sending of false reports of personnel adrift to rescue facilities.

BuAer has been requested to procure marking materials suitable for use in lieu of fluorescein dye in operations not involving air-sea rescue. Until these alternative materials are obtainable, ComAirPac's 34TB-45 directs that sea dye marker used for other than air-sea rescue purposes be restricted to the following:

1. Bona fide operations against enemy forces where other available marking materials will not provide equivalent effectiveness. Where practicable, all instances of the use of fluorescein dye for this purpose shall be reported to cognizant air-sea rescue activities. (In this connection it may be noted that marker has been and may possibly continue to be used to mark positions where depth charges have been dropped—ED.)

2. Training exercises in areas specifically designated as a result of prior arrangements with air-sea rescue activities. Where the dye is used for this purpose, surface vessels shall always be present in the immediate vicinity.

3. Other prearranged purposes where the employment of fluorescein dye as a sea-marking material offers advantages not provided by any other available marking material and where its use has been approved by the area commander.

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Title, author, date, number pages, format	Issuing and distributing agency	Content
Out of The Jungle. 1943 (Mar.). 40 pp. Mimeo. Restricted.	Published by Airlines War Training Institute, 1740 G St., NW., Washington, D. C. (Superseded by Item A-1.)	Jungle living, list of necessary items for emergency kit, native foods, health precautions.
Under the Greenwood Tree— or How to Acquire Burmese. R. A. F. (India) n. d. Unclassified.	Obtainable from: Foreign Liaison Section, MIS G-2, WDGS, Washington, D. C.	Native customs and living in Burma, with notes on dialects.
The Native Carrier—Employment and treatment of native carriers in New Guinea. 1943 (9 Feb.). 23 pp. 4¼ x 5½. Unclassified.	Published by Allied Geographical Section, General Hq. Southwest Pacific Area. Obtainable from: Foreign Liaison Section, MIS G-2, WDGS, Washington, D. C.	Employment and treatment of native carriers in New Guinea. Messages, weights and make-up of loads, times and distances, relays, food, clothing, first aid, payment.
You and the Native. Notes for the guidance of members of the forces in their relations with New Guinea natives. 1943 (12 Feb.). 17 pp. 4¼ x 5½. Unclassified.	Published by Allied Geographical Section, General Hq. Southwest Pacific Area. Obtainable from: Foreign Liaison Section, MIS G-2, WDGS, Washington, D. C.	Rules for conduct toward natives in New Guinea; sign language, hiring and paying labor.
The Pacific World. 1944. 156 pp. 25¢. 5¼ x 7¼ x ¾. Unclassified.	Published by and obtainable from: The Infantry Journal, 1115 17th St. NW., Washington, D. C. Prepared by the New York Zoological Society. Edited by Fairfield Osborn (1944 cloth edition—W. W. Norton and Co., Inc., New York, N. Y.).	History and exploration, climate, ocean currents and ocean life, mammals, plants, peoples of islands of the Pacific.
Pacific Ocean Handbook. Mears, Eliot G. 1944. 192 pp. 54 figs. Map. 3¼ x 6¼ x ¾. Unclassified.	Published by and obtainable from: James Ladd Delkin, Box 55, Stanford University, Calif.	Islands and routes ocean currents, climate, navigation hints, properties of salt water, sea food for the shipwrecked. Conversion tables. Maps.
Poisonous Snakes of Eastern United States—With First Aid Guide. Davis, Harry T., and Brimley, C. S., n. d. 16 pp. 12 figs. 10¢. Unclassified.	Published by and obtainable from: North Carolina State Museum, Raleigh, N. C.	Well-illustrated descriptions of local reptiles.
Poisonous and Harmful Fishes. Whitley, G. P. 1943. Unclassified.	Published by and obtainable from: Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, 314 Albert St., East Melbourne, Australia.	Southwest Pacific fish illustrated.

Drill and Training Teach Air Ditch and Live (Continued)

the men are made to realize that it is little time in such an emergency thought; doing the *right* thing minimum of wasted effort and should be almost a reflex action.

Equipment is loaded into the plane. As the plane starts down the water into the hull, the water enters and to rise inside. When the water is above the catwalk and starts sloping around the legs of the pilot, he starts to abandon ship signal and start to happen. Emergency gear collected, water-tight doors are shut and from the waist blister raft is broken out and inflated. Swiftly the crew piles into the raft and paddles away from the plane.

The average time for these drills usually requires about 70 seconds, a time record of 45 seconds was established by one crew. Competitive stop watch among the 12 crews participating a class helps create interest and excitement in the drill.

The training is aimed to acquaint crews with all the dangers involved in ditching or forced landings, to prepare them for any emergency, and to instill their safety consciousness to the point that survival rather than death follows a forced landing.

Corner Reflector Scores Official Rescue

In the first authenticated rescue of its kind reported, the MX-138/ner reflector helped save the lives of the men. These men, who had ditched their B-29 in the Pacific off the coast of the Philippines because of lack of fuel, were rescued by a reflector in one of their two A-tiple rafts.

Help came in the form of a search plane which picked up the "blip" on its scope at a distance of 10 miles flying at 800-1,000 feet altitude. A PBM directed a seaplane tender to the rafts. The tender reported it had picked up the indication of the reflector at a range of 5 miles.

As reflectors for one-man rafts (137/A) and multi-place rafts gain widespread distribution in the fleet, it is expected that they will assist in more and more rescues.

NAVAL AVIATION NEWS—1 June 1945

Natives Lure Rescue Planes to Island

Almost every plane coming into a Thirteenth Air Force Base reported sighting emergency ground signals coming from an isolated island. Patrol planes recounted yellow marker sheets and life rafts pulled up on the beaches. Mirrors flashed at every passing plane and blinkers twinkled through the night. Listening posts heard SOS signals which failed to stay on the air long enough to be pinpointed. Flares shot across the night sky.

It was discovered after much confusion that the crew of a B-25, which had been forced down in the vicinity of the island from which the mysterious signals were coming, had left their emergency signaling equipment behind.

A party was sent to the island and found the natives having a holiday with flares, rockets, mirrors and the Gibson Girl. They also were reluctant to relinquish the equipment. "We need," their chief insisted. "We try make fliers come down here so we can trade carved wood and sea shells!" (AIR FORCE, May 1945.)

*Film Strips Relative to Air-Sea Rescue
for Screening at Air Sea Rescue Agency*

List of film strips on subjects relative to air-sea rescue which are on file at the Air Sea Agency library is compiled and published for information and reference. Film strips may be screened at the Air Sea Rescue Agency but cannot be loaned for screening elsewhere. None is classified higher than Restricted.

FILM STRIPS AND SUBJECTS

Title	Subject	Released	Running time (frames or minutes)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Boats Nomenclature.	Gives correct nomenclature for main parts, equipment, fittings, rigging and stations of AAF emergency rescue boats. Describes fire stations and general quarters.	1944	29 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Construction Principles and Emergency Repair of Small Boats.	Describes principles of construction and methods of effecting emergency repairs on small boats. Shows how to construct rescue boat hulls and methods of making emergency repairs at sea.	1944	42 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Docking Procedure.	Illustrates procedures and precautions for AAF rescue boats when entering, leaving, and docking in harbors.	1944	28 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Electrical System in 85-foot Boat.	Presents operation and routine maintenance of 110 volt D. C. electrical system on 85-foot AAF rescue boat. Describes pre-starting check and circuits of 110 volt D. C. system.	1944	55 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Electrical System of 63-Foot Boat.	Describes location and operation of various units of electrical system of 63-foot AAF rescue boat.	1944	48 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Engine Starting and Operating Process of 85-Foot Boat.	Illustrates correct procedure for starting, operating, and stopping auxiliary engine on 85-foot AAF rescue boat.	1944	64 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boat. Engine Starting and Operating Process of 63-Foot Boat.	Describes correct procedure for starting, stopping, and operating. Hall Scott Defender 12-cylinder Marine engine in 63-foot rescue boat.	1944	53 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Fire Fighting.	Shows equipment and procedure used in fighting fire aboard AAF emergency rescue boats at sea and methods of protecting personnel when making rescues.	1944	41 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Hermetic Combustion Heaters.	Presents operation and control of Stewart Warner Hermetic combustion heater used on 85- and 63-foot emergency rescue boats.	1944	51 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. International Code of Signals.	Explains international code of signals, how flag signaling system makes use of 40 flags. Describes use of flag "hoists" and reading of code flag and numerals.	1944	59 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boat. Personal Safety Aboard Ship.	Gives principles of personal safety to be followed by AAF. Emergency boat crews.	1944	47 (fr.)
AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Semaphore Signaling.	Describes semaphore system of hand signaling.	1944	40 (fr.)

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Three Publications
Aid in Equipment
Field

The three publications reviewed below collectively represent a composite of the most current information on equipment available for distribution. Individually they are products of the Army, Navy, and Air Sea Rescue Agency, putting into the hands of equipment officers a descriptive list and pertinent data on personal and protective equipment for rescue and survival. They do not duplicate each other's efforts—but are complementary and together provide a well-rounded composite of much needed and useful information.

*Air-Sea Rescue Equipment
Guide*

Published by the Air Sea Rescue Agency, with cognizance of the United States Army and Navy and other interested services of the United States and allied governments, this is a technical guide designed to fulfill a long and established need of equipment and survival officers of the several services for complete and accurate information with regard to the *availability* of items which have been primarily designed for air-sea rescue.

This publication deals with each individual item of air-sea rescue equipment as used by both the United States Navy, Bureau of Aeronautics, and the United States Army Air Forces. The aviation equipment and survival officers of the Navy and the personal equipment officers of the AAF are now able to find in a single source complete data on any available item of air-sea rescue equipment. In addition to the fact that any item carried in the *Guide* is available, its most important feature is that complete descriptions of equipment items are included. Illustrations are used where applicable.

The *Guide* also includes a compilation of pyrotechnic equipment of the United States and allied countries adaptable to air-sea rescue and survival, supplying information on aircraft parachute flares, fuses, markers, signals, float lights, smoke grenades, and pyrotechnic pistols and projectors. This pyrotechnic information is published for the convenience of those engaged in this field.

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No. 1	Title	Subject	Re-leased	Running time (frames or minutes)
FS1-1048	AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Types of AAF Rescue Boats.	Gives equipment and dimensions of 45-, 63-, 85-, and 104-foot AAF rescue boats.	1944	36 (fr.)
FS1-1058	AAF Emergency Rescue Boats. Electrical System in 63-Foot Boat.	Describes sources of power, electrical operation, and uses of auxiliary battery charging system aboard 63-foot AAF emergency rescue boat.	1944	48 (fr.)
FS1-89 SA-2444f	Aerial Navigation—Dead Reckoning Problems Patrol and Search.	Defines search mission, and sets forth responsibility of navigator. Defines terms, and describes factors affecting methods of search, and common patrol patterns.	1942	28 (fr.)
FS1-459	B-17 Airplane—Inspection and Maintenance of A-2 Life Raft.	Describes inspection and maintenance of A-2 life raft used on B-17 airplane, including six-month inspection, inflation test, and packing life raft in airplane.	(*)	46 (fr.)
SN-2306b	Coconut as Food and Drink.	Describes various dishes prepared from green, mature and sprouting nuts of coconut palm. Demonstrates ways of preparing coconuts as food and drink.	1944	75 (fr.) 8 (min.)
SN-2306d	Castaway—Identification of South Pacific Plants.	Illustrates and describes natural habitat, means of identification, and method of preparing important prepared food plants: coconut, papaya, pandanus, banana and plantain, taro, breadfruit, bamboo, wild hibiscus, citrus fruits, mango, beech almond, and vines.	1944	88 (fr.)
SN-2306c	Castaway—Making Useful Articles from Coconut Material.	Explains many ways in which coconut tree may be useful to a castaway. Shows how fronds are used in making shelters, weaving baskets, eye shades, platters, and fishing hampers. Demonstrates method of making shoes from coconut husks and rope for fishing lines and lashings.	1944	88 (fr.) 12 (min.)
FS1-623	Ditching the B-24.	Illustrates procedure for crew members of B-24 airplane to follow in ditching.	1944	44 (fr.)
SN-928a	Emergency Equipment for Seaplanes—Part I.	Describes emergency equipment carried in seaplanes and how it is used.	1942	40 (fr.)
SN-928b	Emergency Equipment for Seaplanes—Part II.	Describes these items of emergency equipment as carried in seaplanes and how they are used.	1942	41 (fr.)
SG-2624 SCG-152c-j	Emergency Identification Signal.	Demonstrates emergency identification signal and its construction. Illustrates how it works and how to use it.	(*)	20 (fr.)
FS1-564	Emergency Signal Mirrors in Air Rescue.	Presents the tempered steel emergency signal mirror, and its use when forced down.	(*)	30 (fr.)
SG-2569 SCG-152d-j	Flare Signals.	Demonstrates hand signal, plunger type hand signal, and pistol type flare signal, and diagrams of their respective construction. International flare-signal kit and its assembly are also shown.	(*)	46 (fr.)
FS1-563	Handling and Release of Pigeons by Air Crew.	Importance of homing pigeons in air-sea rescue of bomber crews; methods of handling and releasing pigeons by air crew members.	1943	33 (fr.)

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Equipment Publications (Continued)

In order that the information may be kept current and of the rapid changes in this equipment, the publication is in loose leaf form and "spot" or temporary supplements are constantly being seminated to holders of the *Guide* form of page facsimiles. These supplements contain information on availability, modification, or change in equipment items and are graphed and distributed as quickly as possible. As soon as practicable, the temporary supplements will be replaced by permanent printed loose leaf form.

Material compiled within the *Rescue Equipment Guide* has been checked with official sources and is complete and up-to-date as far as determined in a field where new equipment items are constantly being introduced. The items are listed in alphabetical order.

Source: AIR-SEA RESCUE EQUIPMENT GUIDE. Published by U. S. Coast Guard for the Air Sea Rescue Agency, Washington D. C., 1945 (RESTRICTED)

Manual for Aviation Survival Officer

This informative manual was developed primarily for squadron survival officers but will be useful also to CA and HEDRON men. In the introduction the duties of the aviation equipment survival officer, as defined in Circular Letter No. 17-44 (10 March, 1944) are discussed. The manual does not attempt to tell the officer how to perform his duties, but it provides a general outline of the equipment which he is responsible, and—important—guides him to sources of technical information.

The first section of the manual describes the equipment over which the AESO must supervise the instruction of (1) maintenance personnel in servicing, and (2) flight personnel in the proper use. Equipment described is the very latest, although older equipment is mentioned since it may be found in the field. Chapters on oxygen equipment, life vests, life rafts, emergency equipment, containers, droppable rescue gear, belts and harness, and parachute use and maintenance are included with as much discussion as can be given in a nontechnical fashion.

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TRAINING AIDS AND PUBLICATIONS

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Title	Subject	Re- leased	Running time (frames or minutes)
Individual Cooking—The Arctic.	Method of identifying and preparing arctic greens, roots, and berries; ways of trapping, killing, and preparing wild animals.	1944	56 (fr.)
Individual Cooking—The Jungle.	Instructions on how to prepare wild jungle plants, catching fish, snaring game, and purifying water in an emergency.	1944	51 (fr.)
Lifeboat Davits.....	Shows the operation of the gravity, radical, or round bar and quadrantal types of lifeboat davits.	1943	68 (fr.)
Lifeboat Equipment.....	Shows how to stow wartime required equipment aboard a standard 30-foot pulling lifeboat. Proper use of some of the equipment is explained.	1943	54 (fr.)
The Rocket.....	Shows the make-up of a rocket signal, its use and how to operate it safely and successfully.	(*)	19 (fr.)
Theatres of War—Pacific Area—Caroline, Marianas, and Bonin Islands.	Explains military value, climate and atolls surrounding the islands, and food, clothing, temperament and religion of inhabitants, dealing primarily with larger islands of Kusacle, Ponape, Truk, Yap, Palau, Saipan, Guam, Rota, and Hahajima.	1943	87 (fr.) 15 (min.)
Theatres of War—Pacific Area—Marshall, Gilbert and Ellice Islands.	Traces history of each of the island groups, prevailing wind and ocean currents, what food is available and the characteristics of Polynesian and Malaynesian inhabitants.	1943	67 (fr.) 12½ (min.)
Theatres of War—Pacific Area—Netherlands East Indies—Lesser Sunda Islands.	Explains living conditions of natives and how to treat them to obtain their help; shows size and climate of Timor, Flores, Soemba, Soembawa, Lombok, and Bali which compose the Lesser Sunda Islands.	1943	92 (fr.) 15 (min.)
Theatres of War—Pacific Area—The Jap, his Home Field.	A teacher who taught in Japan tells of size, weather conditions, and topography of Japan. States Japs are thrifty, hard working. Describes country life, city pattern, industry, and Jap way of life.	1944	96 (fr.) 20 (min.)
Theatres of War—Pacific Area—The Jap, his more Honorable Neighbors.	How to recognize and identify Japanese, Northern and Southern Chinese, Ainus, Koreans, Formosans, Russians and Giliak Indians. Describes size, clothes, headgear, uniforms, customs, houses, transportation, methods, religious symbols of each.	1944	91 (fr.) 24 (min.)
Theatres of War—Pacific Area—The Jap, his Honorable Self.	Describes Taru, the Japanese boy, and what makes him tick. Shows the traditions, customs, civic duties, school, army, physical training, character, and psychology from babyhood to manhood. Gives caution and advice on how to "out-Jap" the Jap.	1944	69 (fr.) 13 (min.)

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Equipment Publications (Continued)

This manual shows the varied duties of the AESO, and stresses the importance of cooperation with other officers of the squadron command. Also, because of the varied equipment needed by a combat flying unit, the manual points out that duties of supplying and instructing the personnel in the proper use of this equipment may be general or specialized, depending on the size of the unit. An AESO may be designated as a parachute officer, a safety officer, a material officer, an equipment and supply officer, or he may have the duties of all of these, should the unit be a small one.

The second section, the supplement, is a collection of all the technical orders and notes, sense manuals, training films, and other publications to which reference is made in the text. This section is indexed, as well as divided and tabbed under the same headings as the chapters of the text for quick, easy reference.

This manual is loose-leaf and although additions and corrections will be issued as equipment and practice are changed, the officer using the book is expected to keep the supplement section up to date by adding new publications and discarding those which are cancelled or superseded.

Source: MANUAL FOR AVIATION EQUIPMENT and SURVIVAL OFFICERS. Aviation Training Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations U. S. Navy. NAVAER 00-80V-36. OPNAV 33-NY-34. (RESTRICTED.)

Reference Manual for Personal Equipment Officers

A detailed, comprehensive reference book, this manual is intended to aid personal equipment officers in: supervising the inspection, operation and maintenance of all personal and protective equipment; in instructing air crews in the proper use of all such equipment. Its purpose is expressed in the foreword which states in part: "This compilation of material has been prepared for use of personal equipment officers during their period of instruction at the Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics. It will prove useful in addition for purposes of reference in the field."

The manual contains information on the principles of flight, and the performance and servicing of oxygen equipment in combating the physiological reaction to high altitude flights. A chapter on

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Film Strips (Continued)

No. 1	Title	Subject	Re-leased	Running time (frames or minutes)
SN-1538a	Theatres of War, Pacific Area—Melanesia.	Discusses war in South Pacific and shows strategic importance of Melanesia. Describes terrain and characteristics of natives of New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Solomon Island, and Bismarck Archipelago.	1943	81 (fr.) 19 (min.)
SN-1538g	Theatres of War—Pacific Area—Netherlands East Indies, Borneo and Celebes.	Deals with geographical features of Borneo and Celebes, and monsoon periods, available game, dangers, hardships. Stresses necessity of avoiding Jap patrols and advantages of befriending natives.	1944	91 (fr.)
SN-1538n	Theatres of War—Pacific Area—Netherlands East Indies—Java.	Explains living conditions, temperament, superstitions, clothing of Javanese natives, how to obtain their help, size and population of large cities, effects of Dutch colonization, means of dealing with Malays.	1943	90 (fr.) 15 (min.)
SN-1538p	Theatres of War—Pacific Area—Netherlands East Indies—Molucca Islands.	States that Malays, Papuans, and Chinese populate Molucca; a native describes the terrain and winds. Explains how personnel marooned on one of the islands can, with the aid of natives, escape to a friendly base.	1944	88 (fr.) 16½ (min.)
SN-1538o	Theatres of War—Pacific Area—Netherlands East Indies—Sumatra.	States aerologic and climatic characteristics of the island and gives existing conditions and how to make the best of them. Describes characteristics of natives.	1943	97 (fr.) 15 (min.)
SN-1538 l	Theatres of War—South Pacific—Survival in the South Pacific.	Gives useful hints on how to obtain water, food, build a fire, construct shelter, and protect yourself if forced down on an island. Tips for getting along with natives are also given.	1943	80 (fr.) 16 (min.)
SG-2537	Very Pistol.....	Shows parts of Very's Pistol and cartridge, methods of firing and means of identifying cartridges at night.	(*)	22 (fr.)

*Information not available.

1 Army Designation:
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Navy Designation:

1st Letter:
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2d Letter:

A—Army.

C—Commercial film deemed suitable for Navy training.

G—Coast Guard.

N—Made expressly for Navy training.

United Nations Central Training Film Committee:

SCG U. S. Coast Guard.

ADDITIONAL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT
RECEIVED FOR EXHIBIT

(2 April to 31 May 1945)

Catalogue No.	Object	Source
45.22.1-98.....	Equipment for one Metal Life Raft, No. RA271.	Property Officer USCG, Curtis Bay, Md.
45.23.1.....	Blanket bag, waterproof.....	Allen Mfg. Co., New York City.
45.24.1-90.....	Lindholme Rescue Dinghy Apparatus, consisting of 5 containers.	USCG Warehouse, 345 Warren Street, Jersey City, N. J.

Equipment Publication
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survival equipment and procedures the PEO's responsibility knowing the area in which the is operating, and passing on pertinent information and equipment necessary for proper performance. nance kits, life rafts, and equipment are described and reductions are made for the stock such equipment aboard various aircraft. The importance of wearing clothing, goggles, and arm protection from low temperature, enemy fire is stressed. Care maintenance of parachutes, and technique during bail-out are outlined in detail, and ditching, radio and procedures are outlined. A check first aid gives instructions for air crews in emergency treatment combat injuries. Films to be supplementary training aids and examples of the reports that would be required to submit are

In the appendix all AAF regulations and technical orders pertaining duties of the PEO are listed by and subject. A partial stock PEOs is also included in this. The manual is both indexed and treated.

The reference manual for equipment officers was evolved from mimeographed manuals that released in April and June of 1944. latest edition supplied additional information on land survival and communication procedures.

Source: REFERENCE MANUAL PERSONAL EQUIPMENT OFFICERS (for personal use only). Compiled and by Aero Medical Department, Air Forces School of Applied Tactics, September, 1944. (RESTRICTED)

BAILING-OUT ADVICE

How not to bail out was given described by a B-17 pilot returning report from an Air Intelligence Unit at an AAF redistribution in the United States. The purpose of seeing eight men lose their attempting to jump from a bomber. As each stepped out he hand on his ripcord, and consequently each chute opened so quickly caught fire from the aircraft. It emphasized that a premature is a virtual certainty if a jump from a burning plane with a the ripcord. (AIR SURGEON'S BU

EMERGENCY USES OF THE PARACHUTE



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shelters, clothing, packs, signals, hunt- ing and fishing implements, first-aid ma- terials, and other important survival aids. The basis of issue of this manual is one per parachute, to be packed with the parachute Log Record, AAF Form 46.

"The procedures described herein were developed and tested by the Arctic, Desert and Tropic Branch, AAF Tactical Center, Orlando, Fla., in collab- oration with the AAF Arctic Training School, Buckley Field, Col. Comments and suggestions for possible future re- vision of this manual are desired by the ADT Branch, AFTAC."

Requests for additional copies should be addressed to the Publications Dis-

tribution Branch, Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

About 45 emergency devices are illus- trated by descriptive drawings, cuta- ways, or diagrams to show that every part of the parachute assembly can be utilized: silk, pack and harness, shroud lines, ripcord and metal fittings.

Two travel packs are illustrated. (Not reproduced on the following pages.) The first, a light knapsack made from the parachute seat pack, requires no sew- ing, but merely the cutting off of un- necessary parts. The second, a heavy duty pack strap with tumpline, re- quires about 4 feet of single-thick- ness harness webbing, 1 foot of double thick- ness webbing, and some judicious hitching together.

In the clothing section can be found recipes for cooking up puttees and sand- als from chute cloth, mukluk boots from cloth and half of a canvas cushion cover, various headdresses to protect against sun, sand and dust, an impro- vised eye shield, a shade hat made from the chute apex and the metal frame and canvas cover of the pack, handker- chiefs, scarfs, wristlets, etc.

The color and size of the white chute for personnel are in themselves good qualities for signals against dark back- grounds. The chute can be stretched over the ground, bushes, and across a small stream; or it can be cut into small banners or trail markers.

Several shelters are depicted. A two- page center spread provides explicit di- rections for constructing an 11-pole para- tepee, useful in either hot or cold climates and, with a fire burning inside, as a signal at night. Modifications of this, the single-pole paratepee and the rope-sustained model, are also pre- sented. A three-pole paratent and a three-man, pole-frame lean-to are ex- tremely simple to construct with the complete parachute, folded double. Likewise easy to improvise is a parafly slung over a taut line between two trees and held tight by tie-poles lashed to stakes. A snug sleeping bag results from clever folding of the chute cloth.

Devices for hunting and fishing range from a slingshot made of packframe wire, elastic cord from the pack and harness webbing, to a two-man fishing seine made of the entire chute folded, cut, tied, spread with floaters and weights, and maneuvered by hand poles.

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Parachute (Continued)

A litter improvised from poles, spreader sticks and chute cloth about

three panels wide, is easily assembled. An arm splint fashioned from the chest-pack frame bound with chute cloth is

shown. Bandages of various tourniquet, and an arm sling

(A)

SHELTER

SIMPLE "A" TYPE PARAFLY

Rig shroudline or pole between two trees and throw chute over it. Fold back edges until fly is about 4 panels wide. Lash chute to tie poles with shroudlines. Build parafly high enough so beds can be raised off ground.

IMPROVISED BED ROLL

Make a good sleeping bag by folding chute, in order shown by numbers, to rectangle approximately 8 x 7 feet. Full chute or as few as 10 sections may be used. Make final fold (5) down center, book-fashion. Then fold side and lower edge under. Crawl in through top; tuck top under; leave opening at corner.

SHELTER

SINGLE POLE PARATEPEE

This emergency chute shelter can be put up quickly. Use 14 panels (or less) of chute, and tie to 1 foot pole in same manner used for Pole Paratepee Tie Pole. Lash in fork of tree. Stake down skirt-form 12-foot circle. Rope can be substituted for pole; tie around apex of chute, throw rope over tree branch and secure at proper height.

PARAHAMMOCK

Use 4 to 7 panels. Fold first two panels together and tie at A to form bed B. Throw remaining panels over awning line at C to form cover, double roof or tuck under for added comfort or protection from insects.

SHELTER

SHADE SHELTERS FOR HOT AREAS

WING SHADE SHELTER

Use two parachutes with air space between to reduce temperature. Attach top chute over top aileron; fasten bottom chute from underside of aileron.

SIMPLE SHADE SHELTER

Make shade shelter of chute cloth as illustrated. Use two layers of cloth separated by an air space of about 12-20 inches. In hot desert areas—scoop down into sand—it will be cooler.

HUNTING & FISHING

IMPROVISED SLINGSHOT

Use sturdy forked stick or single bent rod from pack frame wire.

A simple slingshot can be made from parts of the chute pack. With practice small animals, such as birds, rabbits and squirrels, can be killed.

WIRE SNARE

SEAL HUNTING SHIELD

Make of chute cloth fastened to frame.

IMPROVISED FISH HOOKS

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 the first-aid section.
 of miscellaneous items in-

cludes a sea anchor, made of the metal
 frame from the seat or back pad and
 chute cloth; a raft sail using chute

cloth and oars as mast and cross yard;
 and a raft awning for protection
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SIGNALS



Use parachutes as markers in clearings.



Spread parachute out over low trees or bush tops. Secure ends by tying down with shroudlines.



Use small pieces of chute cloth to mark or "blaze" trails.

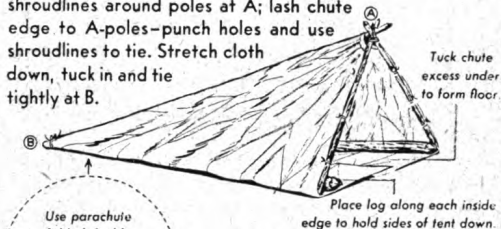


In wooded country, stretch parachute across a stream.

SHELTER

3-POLE PARATENT

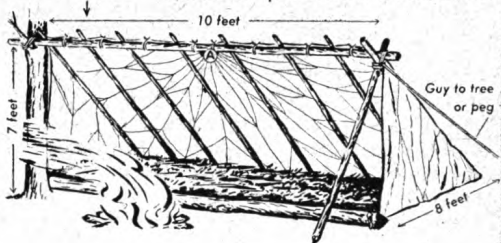
Lash a 13-foot ridgepole to apex of tied frame made of 8-foot long A-poles. Tie chute apex shroudlines around poles at A; lash chute edge to A-poles—punch holes and use shroudlines to tie. Stretch cloth down, tuck in and tie tightly at B.



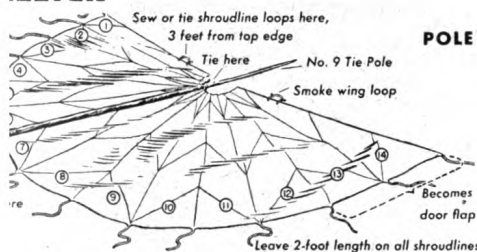
Arrange shelter openings crosswise to wind

3-MAN LEAN-TO

Build pole framework of approximate size shown. Cover with chute and tie as indicated. Apex of chute is lashed at A.



SHELTER



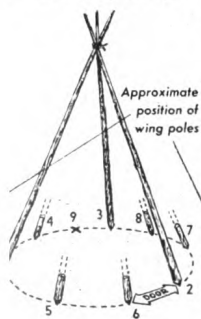
POLE PARATEPEE



ADAPTING THE CANOPY: Cut 14 panel sections from canopy; remove pilot chute and apex. Cut off all apex shroudlines except 16" of lines on panels No. 6 and No. 7—these are lashed to Tie Pole (No. 9).

2 ERECTING POLE FRAME:

Poles should be about 14 feet long, straight and smooth. Tie poles 1, 2 and 3 together in a tripod—distance from tying point to base of poles is same as length of chute panel. Place poles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 loosely against tripod to form temporary 12-foot circle. Place Tie Pole (No. 9) which is attached to chute at panel No. 6 (see 1) in proper position opposite door. Wing poles are numbered 10 and 11.



4 COMPLETED PARATEPEE:

The Paratepee is one of the best of emergency shelters, especially in cold areas. It sleeps 3 men comfortably and will accommodate more. Fire can be built inside for warmth, cooking and drying of clothes. Makes a prominent "marker" signal on the ground; fire inside makes the Paratepee look like a beacon at night.

SHELTER

3 APPLYING CANOPY TO FRAME:

Starting from Tie Pole (No. 9) to which canopy is tied, bring each outer edge of chute around framework toward door. Tie shroudlines of panel No. 1 temporarily to No. 12 panel line. (Panels 13 and 14 form door overlay.) Push all poles outward until chute covering is tight. Then stake down bottom with pegs. In cold areas, stake cloth down to ground; in warm areas leave air space at bottom.



Parachute (Continued)
 against wind and cold in northern sea areas, and against sunburn and loss of

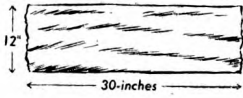
body moisture in warm oceans. Other uses are: snowshoes improvised from saplings and a webbing of shroud lines;

a life preserver made from the rubber seat cushion; the ru

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TRAVEL PACKS

MAKING TUMPLINE



Make tump line of chute cloth



Tie here and provide shroudline loops for adjusting

Tie with slipknot to allow for easy adjustment of pack to tump line

Tie with slipknot to allow for securing pack tightly or for removing.



FOR CARRYING

Roll supplies in chute cloth. Bind rolls together with shroudline. Provide a loop at bottom of each side of pack for attaching and adjusting tump line.

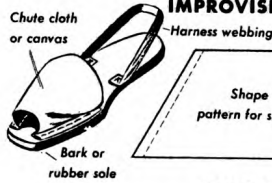
CLOTHING



Use 2-3 inch wide strips—9 feet long

PUTTEES

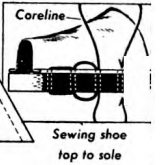
Make from chute cloth, webbing or canvas. Wind strips spirally overlapping shoe top and pant leg. Puttees help keep sand and snow out of shoes and protect legs against bites and scratches



IMPROVISED SANDALS

Chute cloth or canvas
 Harness webbing
 Bark or rubber sole

Shape of pattern for shoe top



Sewing shoe top to sole

MUKLUK BOOTS



CHUTE CLOTH FOOT WRAP
 Use 2-4 thicknesses, 30" square, folded into triangle

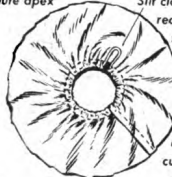


OUTER SHOE
 Use half of canvas cushion cover

CLOTHING

IMPROVISED SHADE HAT

Crown—make from chute apex

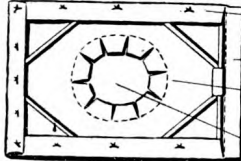


Slit cloth, pull out reducer ring and tie with overhand knot to close opening
 Cut just inside seam of outer circle, don't cut shroudlines

To promote coolness, stuff wadded grass or cloth in the crown



Brim—from metal frame and canvas cover of pack



Fold canvas over metal frame and sew, pin or tie canvas before folding over frame
 Dotted circle represents size of head; estimate size by measuring around head with string
 Cut out; then tie, sew or wire crown to slit flaps on brim

WRISTLETS: For protection against cold or insect bites. Wind strips of chute cloth over wrists, overlapping gloves and sleeves.

HANDKERCHIEFS, SCARFS: Cut or rip sections of chute cloth to make handkerchiefs, scarfs, foot wrappings, improvised loin cloths, etc.

TIPS FOR SEWING: For tough thread, use strands inside core of shroudline. Improvise needle from hook of elastic chute pack cord (p.24), from sliver of hard wood, bone or ration can opener.

CLOTHING

DESERT HEADRESS

Use 2 thicknesses of chute cloth



Wadded cloth

Coiled shroudline

Use in dust storms



NECK AND FACE CLOTHS

Neck cloth for protection from sun.



Face cloth for protection from wind, blowing sand or snow.



IMPROVISED EYE SHIELD

For protection against sun glare and snowblindness.

Use the round elastic cord from chute pack. Fasten metal hooks through slits in cloth.

Cut or rip 1/8-inch eye slits. Fray the edges to reduce glare.



Make the shield of webbing or 2 1/2-inch wide strip of canvas, or black felt on rubber seat cushion. Blacken canvas or webbing with soot to reduce glare.

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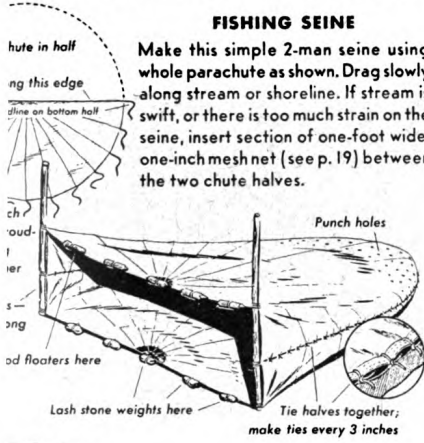
harness fittings and webbing; bundles
made from chute cloth and core lines;
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travel; and a sewing needle made by
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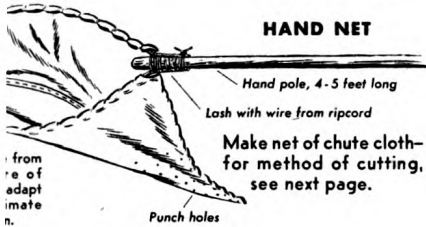
HUNTING & FISHING

FISHING SEINE

Make this simple 2-man seine using whole parachute as shown. Drag slowly along stream or shoreline. If stream is swift, or there is too much strain on the seine, insert section of one-foot wide, one-inch mesh net (see p. 19) between the two chute halves.

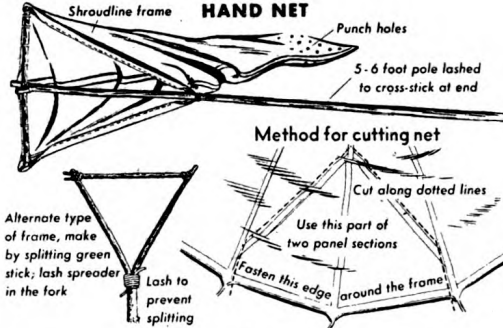


HAND NET



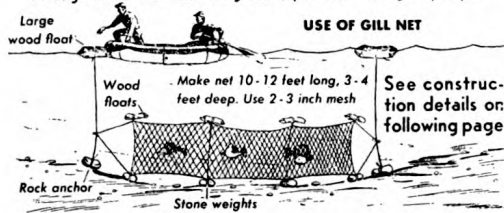
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HAND NET



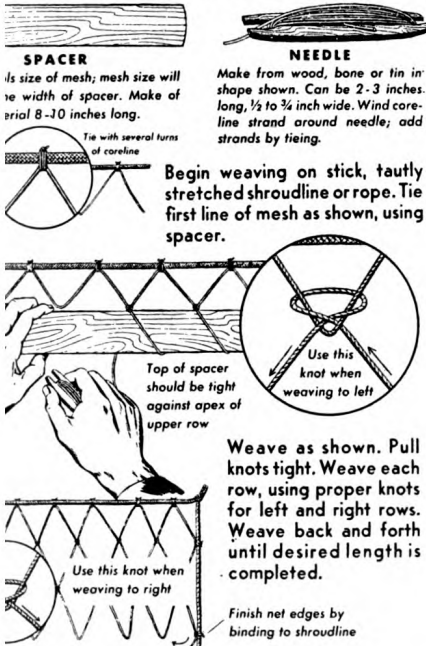
GILL NET MADE OF CORELINE

The gill net is often the most effective means for catching fish. Fish are caught when they head into net. Place net across stream or set in water at any depth. Can be used under ice by cutting two holes in ice about 10 feet apart; pass rope from one hole through the other with long stick; pull net through by rope.



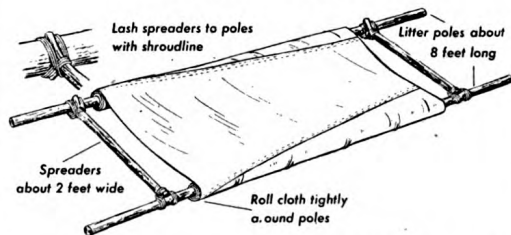
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CONSTRUCTION OF GILL NET



FIRST AID

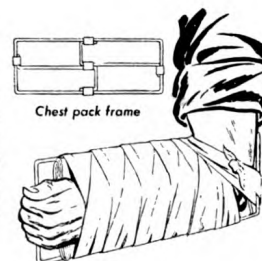
IMPROVISED LITTER



Improvise simple litter from rectangle of chute cloth, about 3 panels wide and 6 feet long. Roll cloth tightly on stout poles to proper width. Insert and lash spreaders to poles to make a rigid assembly.

ARM SPLINT

For simple fractures not requiring traction, splints can be made of chest pack frame bound with chute cloth. Pad the frame well. Use chute cloth to pad and bandage any type of improvised splint. Adapt wire of pack frame to make proper splints.



Parachute (Continued)

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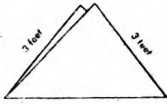
A vigorous publicity campaign is in

progress to make fliers aware of the survival aid's existence, with the objective of proving to any flier that wherever he

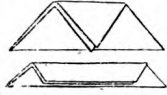
is forced down, and no matter what equipment he has, the parachute is immeasurably to survival.

FIRST AID

BANDAGES OF CHUTE CLOTH



- 4" by 4 yds. for thigh, groin, trunk
- 3" by 4 yds. for extremities
- 2" by 4 yds. for hands, toes, head



TRIANGULAR BANDAGES
Use for dressing of wounds, fractures, and for slings.



SOME BANDAGE USES

For jaw injuries
For sprained ankles



TOURNIQUET

Make tourniquet from harness webbing or from triangular bandage

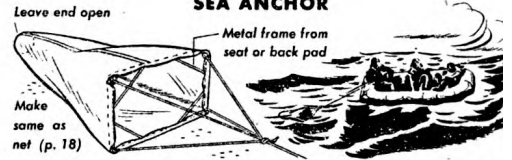


SLING

OTHER USES: Make compresses of triangular bandages, pieces of sponge rubber from seat or back pads, or folded canvas. Use to stop bleeding by pressure method; use for padding splints, etc.

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SEA ANCHOR

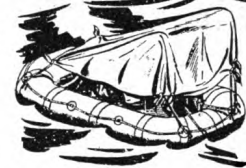


When ocean currents are moving toward destination, but wind is unfavorable, put out sea anchor. In rough seas, rig sea anchor to bow of raft; keep sea anchor line long so that when raft is a crest of wave, sea anchor stays in trough of wave.



RAFT SAIL

Make an improvised square sail of chute cloth; use oars with their extensions as mast and crossbar. Secure one corner of lower edge to raft; hold lines attached to other corner.

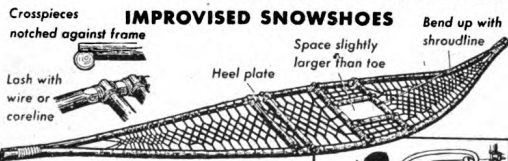


RAFT AWNING

Rig awning to provide warmth in cold areas and to reduce thirst and prevent sunburn in warm areas. Leave ventilation at sides in warm areas; in cold bring edges down to sides.

MISCELLANEOUS

IMPROVED SNOWSHOES



Make shoe frame of 1-inch sapling, 5 feet long, spread to 12 inches at widest point. Weave webbing of shroudline; draw taut

Binding—make as shown; from continuous length of split harness webbing.



SPONGE RUBBER SEAT CUSHION

Use as life preserver or use pieces for insoles, splint padding, axe sheath, etc.

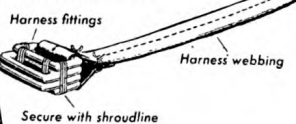


RUBBERIZED HORSE-HAIR CUSHION

Burns readily with dense black smoke. Makes a good daytime signal.



BLACK JACK



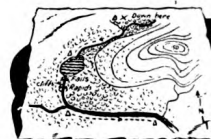
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USE CHUTE CLOTH FOR PACKAGES



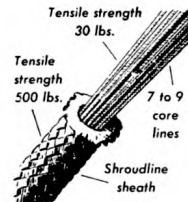
Pack food and small articles in bags made of chute cloth. Wrap bags together in large piece of chute cloth for easier packing.

SKETCH MAPS



Map course of travel on chute cloth. Withstand wear and wetness.

FACTS ABOUT SHROUDLINES



Each chute will provide 24 shroudlines each about 14 feet long (total of 336 feet). There are 7 to 9 corelines each shroudline; each coreline put out separately. Use shroudlines for lashing and tying, for lifelines, etc. Use corelines also for sewing, weaving, tying and for fishlines.

SEWING NEEDLE

Make by straightening and sharpening hook from elastic cord of chute pack. Use with coreline to sew loose-weave fabric
CHUTE SILK FOR BARTER: Chute silk is valued by natives in remote areas all over the world. Trade squares of silk for food and help—but do your trading economically—don't waste cloth!

for Personal Equipment Officers"

by Personal Equipment Laboratory, Engineering Division, Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, Ohio

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to the technical information below, a number of ideas received by this command from equipment officers in overland in the Zone of Interior are helpful. If you have any comment or criticism on the high your units are now you have developed any which might be useful to they may be submitted to through channels.

OFFICERS OVERSEAS

Personal Equipment Laboratory liaison officers overseas are gathering information on the performance and of personal equipment now are also to assist personal officers when possible, and to questions to this laboratory modifications. Those now

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CLOTHING NOTES

Insert Sizes Save Q-1 Shoe In-

Insert, Flying, Electric, replaces the F-2 shoe insert used for combat use with F-2 flying suits, except for crew boots. Felt, Boots, Felt,

Outer, are available for positions where the A-6 boot, worn as an overshoe, is permit efficient discharge the felt boot is designed for the F-2 electric shoe insert adequate thermal insulation temperature ranges where electricity is necessary, provided the dry. When this is worn, wear is eliminated from the y.

The Q-1, worn over the leather shoe, enables flying personnel to "walk out" in case of forced landing. *It cannot be too strongly emphasized that the A-6 flying boot must be worn over the Q-1 insert and the leather shoe.* This is essential to eliminate wire failure.

Fabricated of three layers of cloth (see illustration in AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN No. 10), the Q-1 has electrical wiring attached to the middle layer. If care is taken to issue the insert according to shoe size, much unnecessary wear and wire breakage will be prevented. For correct fit, Q-1 insert is procured in five sizes:

Insert size:	For shoe size
Small (S)-----	5½- 7
Medium (M)-----	7½- 8½
Large (L)-----	9 -10
Extra large (XL)-----	10½-11½
Extra, extra large (XXL)-----	12 -13

Stretching Service-Life of F-3 Suits

If necessary to replace or repair broken leads, terminals, post connections, terminal plate assemblies, or snap fasteners, follow AN 13-1-16, dated 25 July 1944. Be sure to place asbestos sheet on assembly to protect suit fabric and insulation patch when soldering lead wires to terminals. Use low temperature solder.

Hang suits to dry before storing; remove spots. Look for wear at all points where bending produces wiring breaks. Repair tears and snags immediately to keep maximum stocks in service. Connect suit only to 24-volt systems.

To expedite delivery of available F-3 suits and Q-1 inserts to overseas theaters, cable requests direct to Headquarters, Air Technical Service Command. Do not requisition F-2 and F-2A heated jackets and trousers, which have been superseded by the F-3 suit.

Summer Clothing

Recent physiological experiments have shown that contrary to earlier belief (as expressed in the "Notes" appearing in AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN No. 8), differences in the air permeability or porosity of fabrics that might be suitable for flying clothing have practically no effect on how hot the clothing

makes the wearer. This holds for surrounding air movement up to 3-5 mph. In higher winds, the porosity will have a greater effect. On the other hand, the greater the thickness of the fabric used, or the more layers of fabric used, the greater is the insulation and the greater the heat load imposed on the wearer.

In short, clothing made of a tight-weave fabric will be no hotter to wear than one of a loose-weave fabric. The fabric thickness should, however, be kept to a minimum, and all unnecessary pockets, linings, belts, and other extra layers of fabrics should be eliminated. The tight-weave fabric provides much greater protection against insect bites and snag injury, is easier to wash and dry, and should, therefore, be used.

Quartermaster reports of some combat experiences with tight versus loose weave fabrics corroborate the above assertions. Comment of flying personnel is invited.

EMERGENCY RESCUE NOTES

Accidental Inflation of Dinghy

The accidental inflation of a dinghy occurred on a combat mission of a P-47 type aircraft. It happened shortly after a dive-bomb run and pull-out on a railroad bridge. The pilot, a squadron commander, was re-forming his flight over enemy territory when he suddenly noticed his dinghy, a British back-type, was inflating. Realizing the situation, he attempted to get a knife from his pocket. Terrific pressure blacked him out. On regaining consciousness and the capacity for mental coordination, he found that the dinghy had pierced itself on the edges of the armor plate. He pushed and shoved the voluminous folds of the deflated dinghy out of the way and immediately, getting the aircraft under control, headed for his base.

The accident was caused by a faulty loose safety device on the handle of the dinghy's inflating bottle. When examined, it was open but had only turned about one-eighth of an inch to release the carbon dioxide gas. The leaded safety wire holding the ring and cotter key in place through the oval handle was still intact. However, the safety wire was loose enough so that, in the handling of the parachute over a period of time, the cotter key slipped out of the hole in the bottle and apparently some maneuver of the plane on that particular mission was sufficient to loosen the handle enough for the gas to escape.

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Although it is believed that the danger of accidental inflation during flight of the C-2 or AN-R-2A rafts has been reduced to a minimum, attention is called to a safety measure adopted by some organizations. A 4-inch, pointed, dinghy-deflator knife has been suspended from the instrument panel or some other suitable place in the cockpit. A PEO who recently visited this laboratory advised that, in his organization, a small packet containing a folding knife, signaling mirror, and whistle was sewed to the life vest in place of the shark deterrent packet, which was not needed in his theater. Whatever method is used, it would be well if the fighter pilot had ready access to some sort of knife with which accidental inflation of the dinghy could be counteracted.

Emergency Rations

A returned pilot, who served 2½ years as military attaché in Peru and who lived for a long time with Peruvian natives, reports a unique method of treating fresh fish which might be useful to men who are lost at sea in life rafts without the facilities of heat for cooking. This "cooking" method is widely used along the coast of Peru by native fishermen when no fuel supplies are available. The fish is first cleaned and the flesh cut up into small cubes, one-half to three-fourths of an inch in size. These are put in a container and fruit acid—usually lemon juice—is poured over the fish. This is allowed to stand for one-half hour until the flesh breaks up and appears flaky as if it had been boiled. The fish is then ready to eat. This pilot reports it edible and rather tasty.

Raw fish is usually unpalatable when a man is starving, often causing stomach disorders and vomiting. One feature the returnee emphasizes is that concentrated citric acid should be mixed with water to bring about a consistency of lemon or orange juice, as judged by the taste, before it is used. (Fruit juice powders from the Field Rations C, K or 10-in-1, might be tried to produce a synthetic fruit juice. The instructions with the rations are for a lemonade and will not produce a sufficiently concentrated juice. One 7-gram packet of synthetic juice in 2½ ounces of water should be used for the concentrate.) Fish "cooked" in this manner is known as "serviche" by Peruvian natives, and is widely eaten along the Peruvian coast. Returnee often ate "Serviche" while in

Peru and reports that no danger of stomach disorder exists after it is eaten.

This method of preparing raw fish has not been tested and, therefore, cannot be recommended, but is submitted to you as an idea for experimentation. The reports of any trials of this procedure will be studied with interest by this command.

Shark Deterrent

The shark deterrent packet described before has been given a new stock number, 8300-623748. The correct nomenclature is Packet, Shark Deterrent, for Use With Life Vests. Supplementing what was previously said about the packet, the basis of issue will be one per person on flights over water with temperatures greater than 65° F. or between latitudes 45° N. and 45° S.

Drinking Water on the Oceans

It has long been recognized that the old "pint-a-day" water requirement for humans was inadequate in several respects. Evaluation of requirements, based on studies of humans at various temperatures, was made by the Office of Scientific Research and Development. The figures given in the following table indicate the minimum intake required to balance water losses at various temperatures. These requirements are predicated upon the survivor being relatively inactive, taking precautions against water loss, and a low caloric intake.

Mean Air Temp. (°F.)	Pints/Day/Man
90.....	6.2
80.....	4.0
70.....	3.3
60.....	3.0
50.....	2.8
40.....	2.7

A. Source of water available

1. *Rain*.—Rain-catching equipment consists of a 77-square-foot waterproof paulin. Specific equipment issued for water storage consists of plastic bags with a total capacity of 5 gallons. The limiting factor in the use of rain as source of drinking water is the rainfall frequency rather than the total rainfall. The character of the rainfall is such that the 5-gallon storage capacity can be filled from individual storms in areas of moderate rainfall frequency, assuming a 50 percent collection of the rainfall on a 77-square-foot area. The rains may be so grouped, however, that not

all the storms will be useful because of the limited storage capacity. The amount of useable rain water is not only with the rainfall distribution but also with the rate of consumption.

2. *Solar Still*.—A solar still kit has recently been standardized. The AAF is designated as Kit, Solar Distillation, Type LL-1, and requisitioned under Stock Number 857910. This kit consists of the still with accessories. The weight of the kit is approximately 3½ pounds and its displacement is approximately 3½ inches. At present the AAF is not issuing any still for use with life rafts because of the extreme limitation of space. Two kits are to be issued on multi-place rafts. (See TC 25-50.)

The still consists of a close-fitting, parent, plastic cylinder, approximately 30 inches long and 13 inches in diameter containing a sheet of black plastic stretched across its diameter. Inside these sponges are saturated with water, the plastic cylinder inflates and excess sea water drained. The sponges are tied to the raft and are floated in the ocean with the sponges facing the sun. Water vapor evaporates from the sponges and is condensed on the inner plastic envelope and collects in a reservoir. The salt residue must be washed from the sponges daily.

The yield of a solar still is dependent upon the intensity and duration of sunlight; the efficiency of the still; the conversion of solar energy into distillation process; the heat loss from the area of the still normal to the sun; and finally, upon the factors involved in its operation. Tests indicated that the mid-day efficiency averaged 52 percent, whereas the efficiency to sunset was 38 percent. The average yield per still under minimum solar conditions was 800 gallons. As tested, the sponges of the still are at a normal tilt of 20° to the horizontal. Since these tests, provision has been made so that the sponges can be tilted to face the sun more directly. At high altitudes, thus somewhat increasing the total yield.

3. *Expendable Sources*.—In addition to the equipment described, six Desalting Kits, Type JJ-1, and other equipment for multi-place rafts are equipped with a desalting kit. These kits each contain a desalting apparatus of a precipitating agent processing bag. The purpose

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ide a source of water in climatic conditions. However, should be used only if such that neither the rain-catching paulin can

Improvements on Distillation

It is reported that a new design will soon replace the present one when the new kit has been developed. Its nomenclature, stock number and pertinent technical information will be announced.

CHUTE NOTES

Notes of Parachutes

Parachute after a bail-out landing! These are the key points of AAF Manual 60-1 which has been published for distribution. See article on page 18.)

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Escape from Aircraft

Escapes have been made up of a heavy bomber sub-water, using the standard connected to a standard A-13 and a D-2 oxygen cylinder. The operation of the A-13 regulator is level with the head, nor-

mal breathing is possible. When it is lower, pressure of water causes a continuous flow of oxygen. When it is higher, suction required for oxygen is increased. In diving tanks, the equipment has functioned as deep as 50 feet. The A-15 regulator, which is to replace the A-13, cannot be used at present because it incorporates a diluter mechanism and does not have sufficiently high flow characteristics. Work is continuing to make the A-15 usable for underwater escape. Further tests are being conducted and results will be recorded in a future issue of the "Notes."

G-Suits

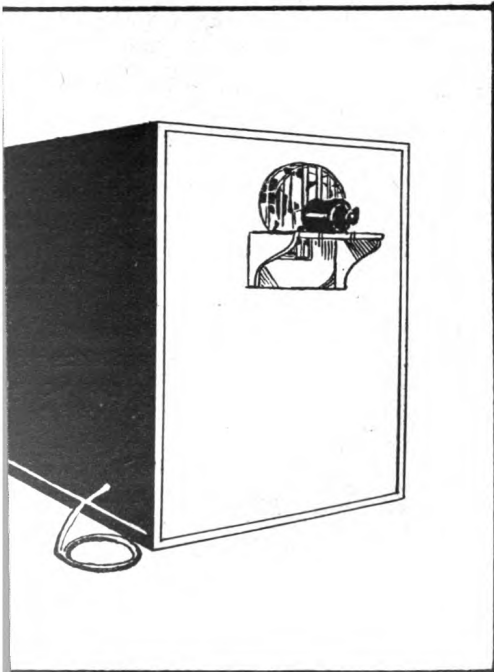
Work was started about a year ago to test suits that would protect fliers against the effects of positive acceleration. Tests showed a pneumatic suit to be most promising. In December 1944 and January 1945, service tests were conducted in the Ninth Air Force. As a result of these tests, suits were ordered for operational use in the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces. Suits have been used repeatedly in combat with the enthusiastic approval by a great majority of the pilots in units engaged in tactics requiring repeated exposure to positive acceleration. The benefits claimed by pilots are: (1) ability to glance around, and (2) reduced fatigue from repeated

exposure even to small positive G-forces. Suits have now been supplied to other overseas units for trial.

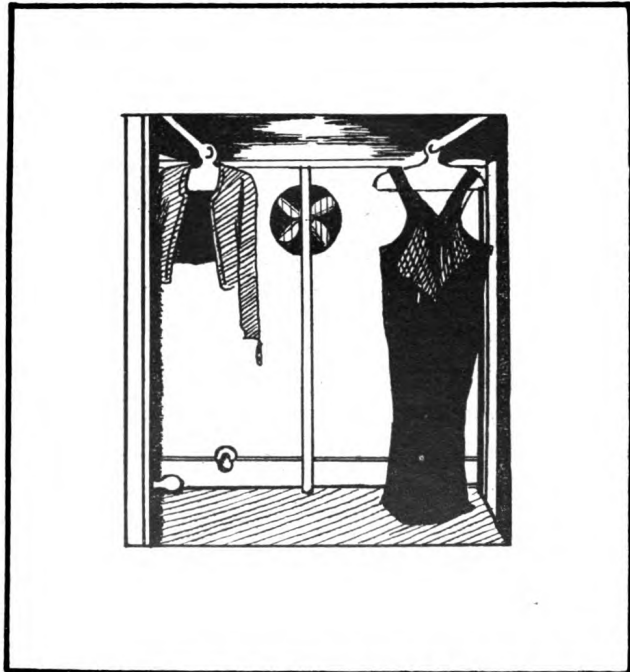
The suit now being supplied is the type G-3, using the type G-2 valve. The suit is a cutaway model worn over regular clothing. It contains an air bladder around the calves, thighs and abdomen. These bladders are inflated from a common airline leading from the G-2 valve, which in turn receives air from the pressure side of the instrument vacuum pump. The valve admits air automatically into the suit after 2.75 Gs are reached and with increasing pressure as the G is increased. After the maneuver producing positive G is over, the suit deflates automatically. Experiments are continuing to determine the best construction of suit for operational use in all climatic conditions. An older suit, the type G-2, which is no longer being supplied to overseas organizations, is being supplied to fighter commands in the United States for training purposes.

Flying Suit Drying House

A prefabricated drying house has been developed and is being used by the Second Air Force. Easily assembled or knocked down for shipment, the drier is suggested for local construction, since it can be made from any ordinary box-wood, available at most bases. Used for



Flying Suit Drier. Note the exhaust fan mounted on top. Electric cord is seen coming from the corner of the door. The door is located on the side opposite fan.



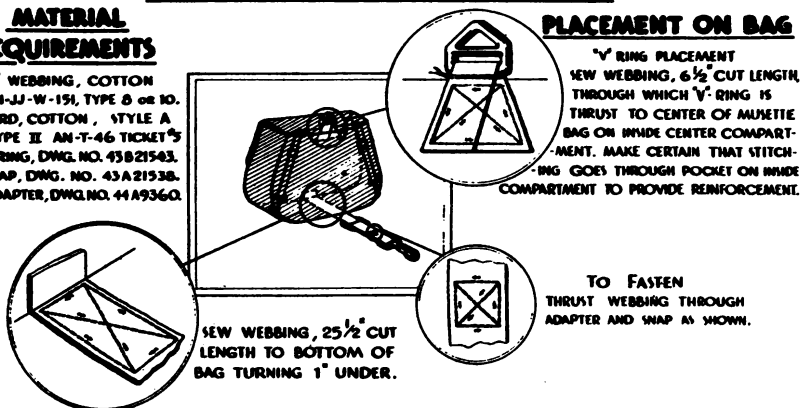
Interior view of Flying Suit Drier. Electric light bulbs can be seen mounted at the bottom and exhaust fan is visible in back wall. The two racks running from front to back of the drier hold the hangers.

Method of adapting the Standard Musette Bag as a quick attachable container for the Emergency Sustenance Vest Type C-1

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

32" WEBBING, COTTON
AN-UJ-W-151, TYPE 8 OR 10.
CORD, COTTON, STYLE A
TYPE II AN-T-46 TICKET 5
V-RING, DWG. NO. 43B21543.
SNAP, DWG. NO. 43A21538.
ADAPTER, DWG. NO. 44A9360.

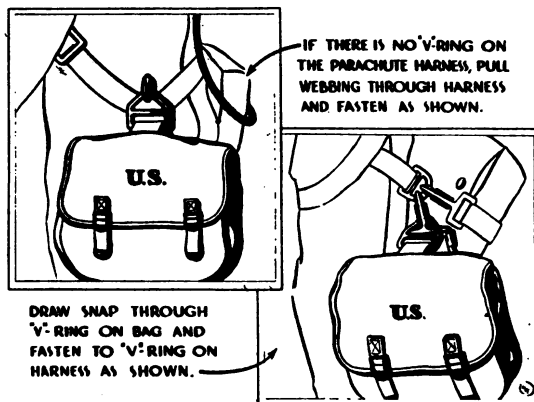
PLACEMENT ON BAG



METHOD OF ATTACHMENT

METHOD OF SEWING

USE CORD, COTTON, STYLE A TYPE II - AN-T-46 - TICKET NO. 5 THIMBLE 3 1/4" TO SEW WEBBING TO BAG. ADJUST MACHINE TO SEW APPROX. 6 STITCHES PER INCH. ALL STITCHING TO BE LOCKED BY TURNING BACK AT LEAST ONE HALF INCH. ARROWS INDICATE DIRECTION OF STITCH.



CAUTION:

MUSETTE BAG & VEST MUST BE WORN ON LEFT SIDE *only*
(TO ELIMINATE ENTANGLEMENT WITH C-2 BAFT STATIC LINE)

drying flying clothing and parachutes, the drier will normally dry clothing in from 4 to 6 hours without the aid of the heater unit. This unit can be of the type used to heat the cockpit and only one of the three exhausts is used, the other two being plugged up. The drier will house 30 flying suits. It has 13 100-watt bulbs, and a signal light on the outside of the unit which indicates whether the bulbs are on or off. It is wired with No. 14 box cable, No. 2 conductor, and each box is inter-connected to complete the circuit. Material includes 60 feet of cable, 14 octagon boxes and 14 receptacles. (See sketches, opposite page.)

Attachable Container for C-1 Vest

The use of the standard musette bag as a quick attachable container for the

Emergency Sustenance Vest, Type C-1, is illustrated in the accompanying diagram. The illustration, shown above, includes the material requirements, method of attachment.

This command cannot recommend that the C-1 vest either should or should not be carried. It is mentioned here merely as a means of providing a carrying case if the respective air forces or commands authorize the use of the C-1 vest in this fashion. It should be borne in mind that the reason for designing the emergency kit in the form of a vest was to insure that it would be with the person at all times. Organizations in the theaters should decide whether it can safely serve its purpose if carried in the attachable bag.

Marking Oxygen Masks for Identification

Some method of marking masks is needed to assure that he has the mask which to him. The PEO of Chico Field, Calif., suggests using for this purpose.

Three names are cut length the dog tag and it is then cut parts with the name on each. The tag is punched at each bent around the inlet hose diaphragm and attached to the inlet hose safety wire. A dog tag machine is necessary for cutting the names.

This procedure is deemed best for marking with numbers or letters will facilitate immediate removal of misplaced mask to the owner, owner's name, not merely a name attached. This nameplate can be removed when the oxygen mask is turned in or exchanged. The necessity of removing disfiguring identification marks on

The tag also serves as identification of helmets, goggles and other where all are attached together oxygen mask.

Ditching Questionnaires

Get all the facts and reports. Interrogation reports sent in have been found to lack importance. More complete reports on crash landings and bail-outs included on the correct forms. MUSTS are: types of equipment item specifically responsible for equipment failures and narrative the experience of each crew member. Speedy interrogation means data.

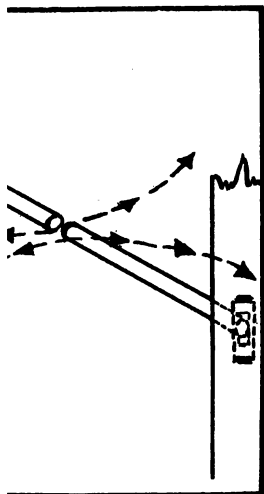
Notes and Suggestions from There

1. A suggested plastic cup, the mike turret in oxygen mask make it possible to wash the nose out harm to the microphone.

2. Chutes in some parachutes issued to the user with the thus forcing him to close it encouraging him to make his own inspection.

3. A few large photographs, side of a parachute window, illustrating the methods of carrying, wearing and use of parachutes, have been effective in encouraging good discipline.

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without taking off others.

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which hand receipt was issued. Ac-
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action taken at once.

10. A rack for storing life vests that
permits the removal of any one vest
without removing others was devised by
the PEO, Richmond AAB. This rack is
merely two hinged arms that meet in
the middle, a sort of double "swinging
gate," enabling vests to be slid to one
arm or the other across the meeting
point so that a vest anywhere along the
arm may be selected for use or inspec-
tion. The top of each gate arm is
curved to fit the inside of life vest neck
line. (See sketch.)

Pilot Adrift Five Days Makes Good Use of Equipment

His plane damaged during an island
strike in support of the Okinawa opera-
tions, Ens. Jay Morton Finley bailed
out at 300 feet over a glassy sea with
25-foot swells. He noticed no jerk when
his chute opened, no impact when he
hit the water a mile and a half from the
enemy-held isle. Drifting NNE, once in
his life raft, he stayed within sight of
the island the rest of the day and within
hearing distance most of the night.

Ensign Finley's drift continued the
same until a northeasterly wind headed
him back toward the island 2 days later.
On his fifth day afloat, one of two pa-
trolling PBMs landed on the water,
rescued the survivor. The Mariner sus-
tained sufficient damage upon landing
to cause its survey upon return to base,
but the rescue was successfully accom-
plished.

"Finley lost his Mae West, his pad-
dles and his bailing cup on the fourth
day as a result of his failure to make
fast to the raft all articles of equipment.
As circumstances developed these losses
were inconsequential, but under other
conditions would have been serious.
When his life jacket went overboard he
planned to rely on his anti-blackout suit
for buoyancy if necessary. Second, he
used his head, never lost his wits, and
reaped benefits therefrom. By care-
fully arranging his diet and using his
supplies sparingly he was well prepared
for a longer voyage had such a situation
developed. He had fished for a few
minutes, but discontinued without suc-

cess, planning to resume this employ-
ment later if necessary. (The only ma-
rine life with which he came into con-
tact was a turtle the size of his raft.
He heard a noise, looked out from under
his poncho, and came face to face with
this visitor about 1 foot away.)

"Ensign Finley's own advice is: Don't
worry about being picked up. The more
you worry the worse your condition will
be when you're rescued. Don't get ex-
cited. Take plenty of time. Go slowly
and think things out; you aren't going
anyplace."

Some interesting comments on equip-
ment resulted from the experience:

*Plastic First-Aid Kit and Survival
Flask.*—One of two items found most
useful. The small compass functioned
perfectly but was difficult to operate due
to tossing and pitching of the raft. The
three packages of emergency rations
plus an envelope of beef bouillon cubes
and one vitamin tablet were all the food
that Finley consumed during his 5-day
cruise, yet he lost but 3 pounds. Oint-
ment and band-aid were applied to treat
a slight abrasion.

Signal mirror.—The mirror is the sec-
ond item of primary importance. En-
sign Finley practiced with the mirror
prior to his rescue when the sun was
out—and apparently benefited from the
practice as the PBM pilot later informed
him that he had kept the flash in his eyes
for a full hour.

Life Raft.—Performed satisfactorily,
requiring reinflation once a day.

Poncho.—Useful but difficult to ar-
range in watertight fashion. When
there was danger of enemy aircraft,
Finley turned blue side up, but when
friendly character of PBM's was identi-
fied he reversed the sides to place yellow
up.

Sea Anchor.—While drifting in the
direction he desired, he kept his anchor
aboard, using it when he deemed ad-
visable.

Cloth Survival Handkerchief.—Com-
pletely accurate and indispensable.

Water.—Of the 3 pints of water and
"makings" for 6 pints more on hand, the
survivor used only a pint and a half.

Dye Marker.—Invaluable. Finley had
equipped himself with three packages
before take-off and attached them to his
person, used dye marker over a wide
area after sighting aircraft.

Back Pack.—Not used, but comforta-
ble to have along as he sat on it to keep
dry, floated easily once when the raft
tipped over.

Pacific Rescue Unit Develops New Equipment

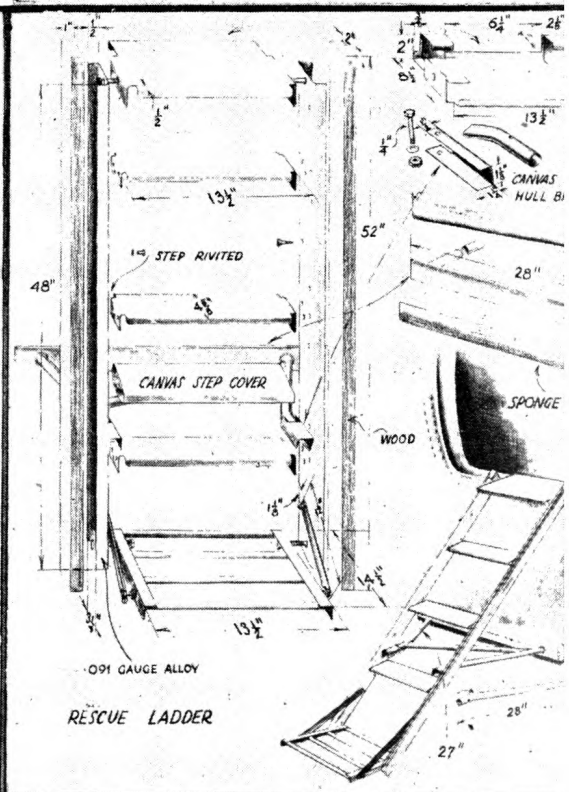
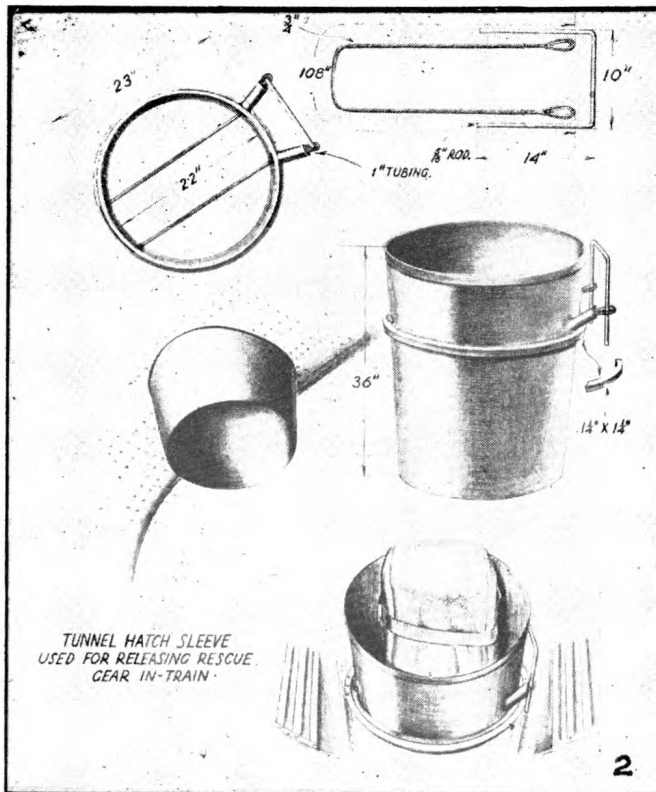
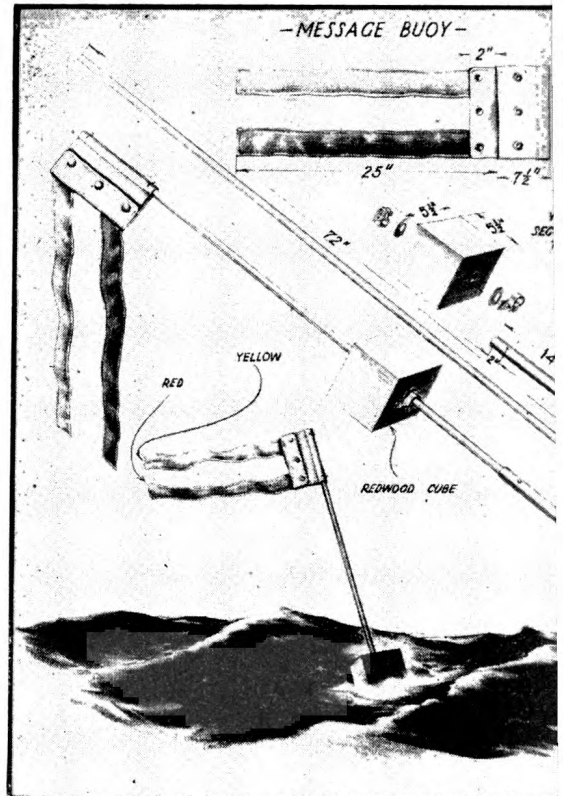
Rescue Squadron Three has developed and tested a message buoy, a tunnel chute for dropping gear, and a rescue ladder, in the course of their extensive rescue work in the Pacific. This gear was designed and built by the officers and men attached to the squadron and has proved to be successful under varying weather conditions.

The message buoy aids survivors in spotting messages dropped from rescue planes. The message, printed on waterproof acetate and enclosed in a white canvas pouch with red and yellow streamers attached, floats about 3 feet above the surface. The buoy itself is a dowel 6 feet long, weighted at the bottom with pipe. (Fig. 1.)

The tunnel chute aids in dropping rescue gear from a plane to survivors. The chute increases the accuracy of the pilot's drop by eliminating the variable delay of throwing items over-board as well as the hazards to crew members when dropping units in train. (Fig. 2.)

The 52-inch rescue ladder is attached to the side of the plane by securing the lip on the top step to the edge of the PBM waist hatch. The steps are covered with canvas to increase friction and prevent injury from cutting. (Fig. 3.)

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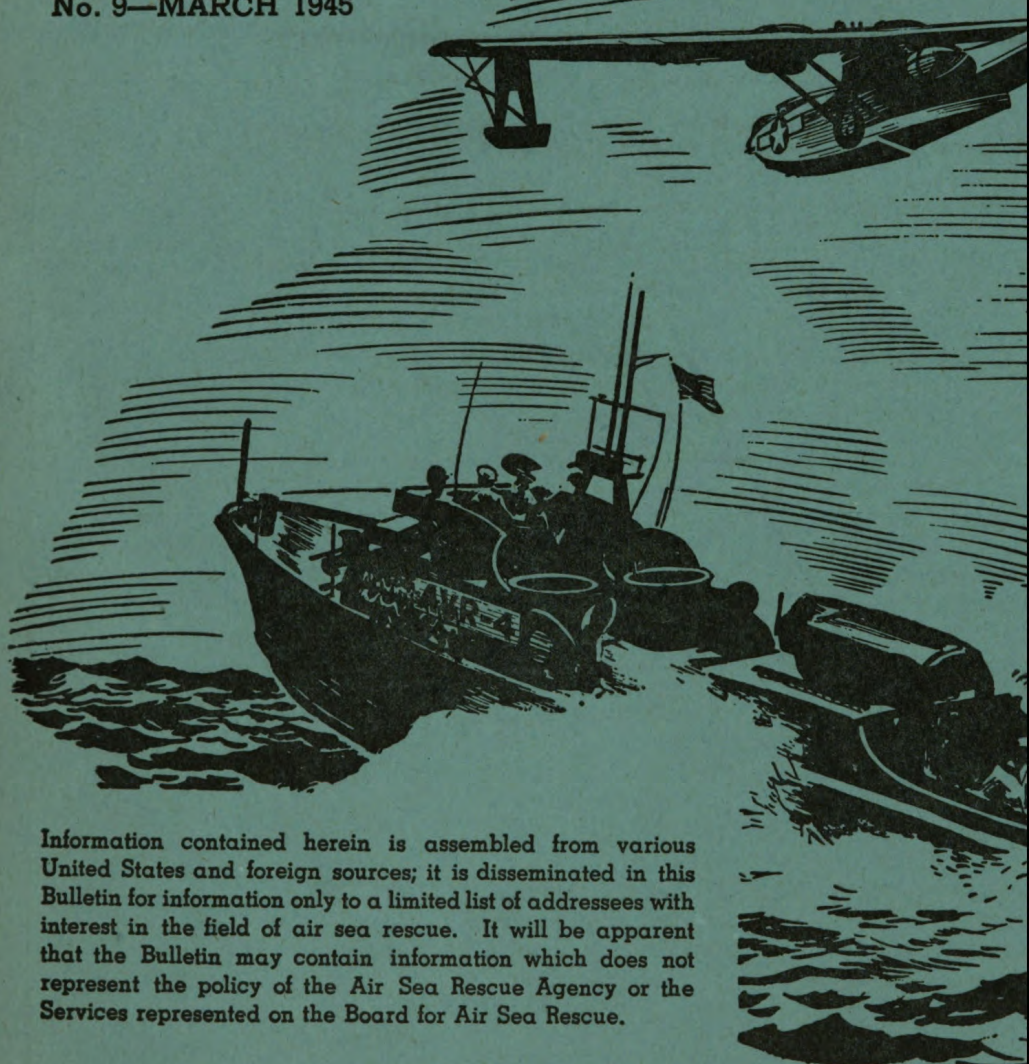
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JOINT EMERGENCY RESCUE COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE

Approved and Published by Authority of the Joint Communications Board for Use Where Military Situations Permit

Emergency Rescue Communication Procedure has been approved by the Joint Communications Board "for use where the military permits." The Procedure, as approved by the Joint Secretariat, covers the following subjects:

- 1. *Aircraft Safety Procedure.*
- 2. *Aircraft Distress Procedure.*
- 3. *Search by Aircrew Afloat in Dinghy or Lifeboat.*
- 4. *Search by Search Aircraft.*
- 5. *Search by Search Surface Craft.*
- 6. *Search by Any Aircraft Witnessing a Forced Landing or Sighting of Distressed Personnel.*
- 7. *Search by Surface Craft Witnessing a Forced Landing or Sighting of Distressed Personnel.*

Aircraft Safety Procedure

1. When the pilot of an aircraft is in trouble and his position or a state of emergency is expected, but with the aid of ground stations can proceed on a course and at a suitable air field, he should be contacted by the ground station using normal communication procedures.

2. If the pilot is unable to contact the ground station or does not know what to call, he will use the international emergency signal "TTT" on radiotelegraph (CW) and/or "SECURITY" on radiotelephone (Voice).

3. If radiotelegraph (CW) is used, the pilot should transmit "TTT" three times followed by call sign of the aircraft and bearing or course.

4. Example (Communication Good):

Aircraft: TTT TTT TTT V ABC ABC ABC
INT QTF (QTE or QDM) K.

Ground Station: ABC V DEF R K.

Aircraft: DEF V ABC (20 second dash) ABC K.

Ground Station: ABC V DEF QTF 3315 N - 7530 W A 1745Z (or bearing or course) K.

Aircraft: DEF V ABC R AR.

(2) Example (Communication Difficult):

Aircraft: TTT TTT TTT V ABC ABC ABC
INT QTF (QTE or QDM) K.

Ground Station:

ABC V DEF R QTN 3 K.

Aircraft: DEF V ABC (20 second dash) ABC (20 second dash) ABC K.

Ground Station:

ABC V DEF - G - QTF 3315 N - 7530 W A INT 3315 N - 7530 W A 1745Z (or bearing or course).

Aircraft: DEF V ABC - ABC V DEF - G - QTF 3315 N - 7530 W A 1745Z (or bearing or course) K.

Ground Station:

ABC V DEF C AR.

b. When radiotelephone (voice) is used, transmit "SECURITY" three times followed by call sign and request fix (bearing or course).

(1) Example (for VHF):

Aircraft: Security ... Security ... Security ...
This is Ringtop ... This is Ringtop ...
... This is Ringtop ... Request fix (bearing or course) ... Over.

Ground Station:

Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Transmit for fix ... (Any special instructions) ... Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Transmitting for fix ... One two three four five ... Five four three two one ... This is Ringtop ... Over.

Ground Station:

Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ... Your position is three three one five north ... Seven five three zero west ... Able ... Time one seven four five Zebra ... Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Roger ... Out.

(2) Example (for HF):

Aircraft: Security ... Security ... Security ...
This is Ringtop ... This is Ringtop ...
... This is Ringtop ... Request fix (bearing or course) ... Over.

Ground Station:

Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Transmit for fix (any special instructions) ... Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Transmitting for fix (A 20 second period during which no voice transmission is made but the microphone button remains depressed) ... This is Ringtop ... Over.

Ground Station:

Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ... Your position is ... Three three one five North ... Seven five three zero West ... Able ... Time one seven four five Zebra ... Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Roger ... Out.

3. The first transmission by the aircraft will be on the assigned air-ground frequency. If the aircraft is unable to establish communications on the assigned air-ground frequency, any of the control, operational or emergency frequencies will be used.

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Aircraft Emergency Procedure

7. When an aircraft is in trouble and requires immediate navigation aid, the pilot will:

- a. Turn on IFF emergency.
- b. Call the ground station employing normal calling procedure, using the precedence prosign "O" for radiotelegraph (CW) and/or "Emergency" for radiotelephone (voice). Request fix (bearing or course), followed by:

(1) For radiotelegraph (CW): -- A 20 second dash and call sign.

(2) For radiotelephone (voice) VHF: -- Count one to five and back.

(3) For radiotelephone (voice) HF: -- A 20 second period during which no voice transmission is made but the microphone button remains depressed and call sign.

c. Obtain receipt and acknowledgment from ground station to transmit emergency message.

d. Transmit emergency message, containing the following information:

(1) Best estimated position and time thereof.

(2) Course and speed.

(3) Altitude of the aircraft.

(4) Available flight time.

(5) Intention of the airplane commander as to ditching, bailing out or crash landing.

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READY REFERENCE CARD FOR AIRCRAFT IN DISTRESS

A "Ready Reference Card for Aircraft in Distress" was prepared and distributed by Commander Fleet Aircraft, Alameda, to Navy operating in the Northern California Sector.

These 8-inch square cards fit conveniently into the file in the pilot's chart board. They are distributed to the pilots by the squadron ACI officer and are prepared to brief pilots on use of the cards. The card is to be kept in the plane for use as a check-off list when an emergency occurs.

It is expected that similar cards will be adopted by other Army and Navy flight organizations in the Western Sea Frontier. The Fourth Air Force is working on an emergency check-off list which will be a decalcomania for posting in the cockpit.

The COMFAIR card follows:

OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION, COMFAIR, ALAMEDA

DATE _____

FOR PILOT OF PLANE IN TROUBLE

1. Turn on emergency IFF and **leave it on**.
2. Head for nearest landing field.
3. Call radio guard station and give:
 - (a) Position
 - (b) Difficulty
 - (c) Anticipated action (ditching, bailing out, heading for —, etc.)
 - (d) Weather, state of sea
 - (e) Planes in company
4. Advise planes in company of your trouble and intended action.
5. Send MOs on regularly assigned frequency.
6. If ditching is contemplated, check Ditching Bill and also be sure you have in mind what you intend to do **after** you hit the water. Conserve distress signaling devices as far as possible.

IF IN DOUBT

ABOUT EMERGENCY STATUS, REPORT IT ANYWAY IN ORDER THAT PREPARATIONS MAY BE MADE BY AIR-SEA RESCUE SERVICE TO RENDER IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE, IF NEEDED.

FOR USE IN NORCAL SECTOR, WESTERN SEA FRONTIER

FOR AIRCRAFT SIGHTING PLANE IN TROUBLE

1. Turn on emergency IFF and **leave it on** while scene. (**Be sure** to turn off emergency IFF when you leave scene.)
2. Drop float light **and** dye marker. Circle survivors at safe altitude and minimum safe speed, keeping position visually or by instruments.
3. Drop life raft, if needed.
4. Call base radio and give:
 - (a) Position
 - (b) Identification of disabled plane
 - (c) Apparent condition of survivors
 - (d) State of weather and sea
 - (e) Action being taken at scene
5. Send MOs continuously for ten (10) minutes in each half hour period on regularly assigned frequency. Do not shift frequency.
6. If in doubt as to whether crash occurred, or if suspicious circumstances exist, send in report of details in order that a search may be made without delay.
7. If more than one aircraft at scene, senior pilot should—
 - (a) Direct other aircraft to circle counterclockwise at medium altitude, standing by to perform, designated, any or all of the foregoing functions.
 - (b) Make sure that only planes directly over survivor have emergency IFF switch on.
 - (c) Keep in mind advantages of altitude in communicating with base, particularly by VHF.
 - (d) If not in communication with base, send one plane to nearest field to phone crash report.

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NOTE.—For ground station: ... During this transmission, on VHF, D/F station can take bearing.

e. Obtain from ground station receipt for emergency message with fix, bearing or course and special instructions.

8. Examples.

a. For radiotelegraph (CW):

Aircraft: DEF V ABC O INT QTF (QTE or QDM) (29 second dash) ABC K.
Ground Station: ABC V DEF R K.
Aircraft: DEF V ABC O (Transmits emergency message) K.
Ground Station: ABC V DEF R-O (sends fix, bearing or course and special instructions) K.

Aircraft: DEF V ABC R AR.

b. For radiotelephone (voice)

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop EMERGENCY ... Req (bearing or course) ... This top ... Over.
Ground Station: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel Roger ... Transmit emergency message ... Over.

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ft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
EMERGENCY ... (Transmits
emergency message) ... This is Ring-
top ... Over.

d
a: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Roger ... (sends fix, bearing or
course and any special instructions)
... Over.

ft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Roger ... Out.

radiotelephone (voice) HF:

ft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
EMERGENCY ... Request fix
(bearing or course), followed by a 20
second period during which no voice
transmission is made but the micro-
phone button remains depressed) ...
This is Ringtop ... Over.

id
n: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Roger ... Transmit emergency mes-
sage ... Over.

ft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
EMERGENCY ... (Transmits
emergency message) ... This is
Ringtop ... Over.

id
n: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Roger ... (sends fix, bearing or course
and any special instructions) ...
Over.

ft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Roger ... Out.

When the aircraft is unable to contact
ground station or does not know
how to call, use the interna-
gent signals, "XXX" on radio-
telegraph (CW), and "PAN" on radio-
telegraph (voice).

When radiotelegraph (CW) is
used, transmit "XXX" three times
by call sign of aircraft three
times, request for fix (bearing or
course) and a 20 second dash and call sign
of aircraft. The procedure then follows
paragraphs 7-c, d and e above.

Example:
ft: XXX XXX XXX V ABC ABC
ABC INT QTF (QTE or QDM)
(20 second dash) ABC K.

id
m: ABC V DEF R K.
ft: DEF V ABC (Transmits emergency
message) K.

id
m: ABC V DEF (sends fix, bearing or
course and any special instructions)
K.
ft: DEF V ABC R AR.

When radiotelephone (voice) VHF
is used, transmit "PAN" three times
by call sign of aircraft three
times, request for fix (bearing or course)
and call sign of aircraft. The procedure then fol-
lows paragraphs 7-c, d and e above.

Example:
ft: PAN ... PAN ... PAN ... This is
Ringtop ... This is Ringtop ...

This is Ringtop ... Request fix
(bearing or course) ... This is Ring-
top ... Over.

Ground
Station: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Transmit emergency message ...
Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
(Transmits emergency message) ...
This is Ringtop ... Over.

Ground
Station: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
(Sends fix, bearing or course and any
special instructions) ... Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Roger ... Out.

c. When radiotelephone (voice) HF is
used to transmit PAN three times followed
by call sign of aircraft three times, re-
quest for fix (bearing or course) followed by
a 20 second period during which no voice
transmission is made but the microphone
button remains depressed, then transmit
call sign. Procedure then follows sub-
paragraph 7-c, d and e above.

Example:

Aircraft: PAN ... PAN ... PAN ... This
is Ringtop ... This is Ringtop ...
This is Ringtop ... Request fix (bear-
ing or course) ... (A 20 second period
during which no voice transmission
is made but the microphone button
remains depressed) ... This is Ring-
top ... Over.

Ground
Station: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Transmit emergency message ...
Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
(Transmits emergency message) ...
This is Ringtop ... Over.

Ground
Station: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
(Sends fix, bearing or course and any
special instructions) ... Over.

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Roger ... Out.

10. The first transmission by the air-
craft will be on the assigned air-ground
frequency. If the aircraft is unable to
establish communications on the as-
signed air-ground frequency, one or more
of the following will be used:

a. The international distress fre-
quency, 5000 kc.

b. U. S. emergency and safety fre-
quency 8280 kc.

c. Any other available frequency in
an effort to establish contact with any
ground station.

11. When the aircraft no longer is in
danger, the International Urgent Signal
must be cancelled on the same frequency
by appropriate message.

a. Examples:

(1) For radiotelegraph (CW):

Aircraft: DEF V ABC QZ XXX K.

Ground
Station: ABC V DEF R AR.

(2) For radiotelephone (voice):

Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop ...
Cancel emergency message ... Over.

Ground: Ringtop ... This is Mitchel ...
Station: Roger ... Out.

b. Special care will be taken to
authenticate cancellation messages in
those areas where authentication sys-
tems are in effect.

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Aircraft Distress Procedure

16. When an aircraft is threatened by
serious and imminent danger and
requires *immediate assistance*, the pilot
will:

a. Turn on IFF emergency.

b. Transmit SOS on CW and/or
"Mayday" on voice followed by aircraft
identification and a 20 second dash.

(1) When CW is used, transmit
"SOS" (three times) followed by call
sign of aircraft (three times), a 20
second dash and call sign of aircraft.

Example:

Aircraft: SOS SOS SOS V ABC ABC ABC
(20 second dash) ABC K.
(Listen and repeat.)

(2) When VHF is used, transmit
"Mayday" (three times) followed by
call sign of aircraft (three times).

Example:

Aircraft: Mayday ... Mayday ... Mayday
... This is Ringtop ... This is Ring-
top ... This is Ringtop ... Over.
(Listen and repeat.)

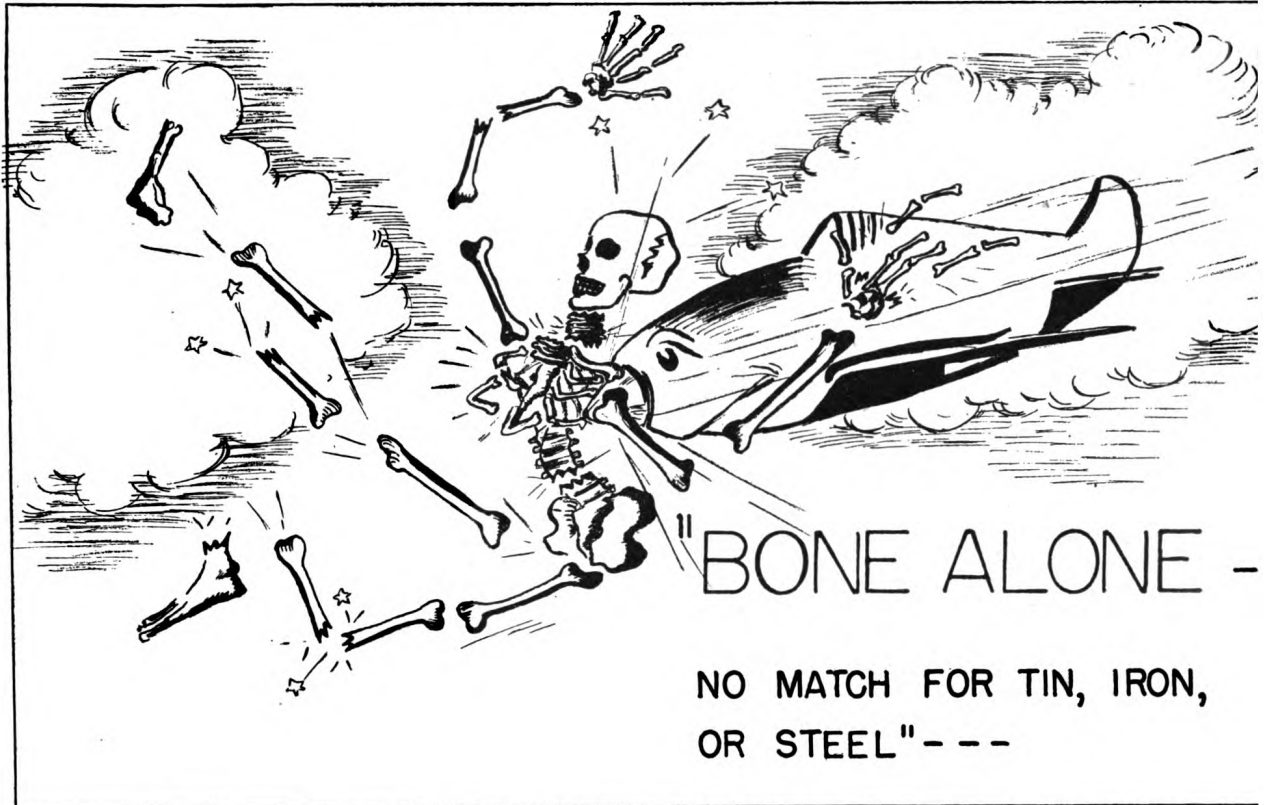
(3) When HF (voice) is used, trans-
mit "Mayday" (three times) followed by
call sign of aircraft (three times), a 20
second period during which no voice
transmission is made but the micro-
phone button remains depressed, and
call sign of the aircraft.

Example:

Aircraft: Mayday ... Mayday ... Mayday ...
This is Ringtop ... This is Ringtop ...
This is Ringtop ...
(A 20 second period during which no
voice transmission is made but the
microphone button remains depressed)
... This is Ringtop ... Over.
(Listen and repeat.)

c. The first transmission by the air-
craft will be on the assigned air-ground
frequency. If the aircraft is unable to
establish communications on the as-
signed air-ground frequency, one or
more of the following will be used:

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NEW ZEALAND MEDICAL ASPECTS OF AIR-SEA RESCUE AND DITCHING
With Preface By U. S. Flight Surgeon

Various medical aspects of air-sea rescue are treated in an eight-page, typewritten booklet entitled *Readiness*, Issue No. 13, published by Zealand Air Intelligence, Air Department, Wellington.
 Excerpts from the booklet which appear in this article concern only medical factors in ditching and action to take immediately thereafter. reprinted for information only.
 Prefatory comments by a U. S. Navy flight surgeon (*in italics*) appear in the next two paragraphs, preceding the first portion of the excerpt New Zealand book.

In considering the framework of the body, it is immediately obvious that bone alone is no match for tin, iron or steel. Careful observation, however, reveals that certain parts of the body originally were designed for stress and weight bearing. The arch of the foot, the angular leg bones, the curvature of the spine and the free mobility of certain joints all tend to lessen the jarring

effect of walking or physical impaction. Bearing this in mind, Navy flight surgeons advise that it is possible to use the physical design of the body in meeting the initial and final impact of a forced landing. Every object in an airplane moves with the aircraft in gyration and speed. Whenever the speed factor is alerted suddenly, attached objects bear a part of the weight

of deceleration stress, but unattached objects do not decelerate as rapidly; they continue forward at the initial speed if the deceleration differential is great. They become literally flying missiles and the problems involved in surviving ditchings and crash landings successively depend on the location, attitude and position.
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- (1) The international distress frequency, 5000 kc.
- (2) U. S. emergency and safety frequency, 8280 kc.
- (3) Any other available frequency in an effort to establish contact with a ground station.
- d. If time permits, the following information should be transmitted:
 - (1) Best estimated position and time thereof.
 - (2) Course and speed.
 - (3) Altitude of the aircraft.

- (4) Intention of aircraft commander as to ditching, bailing out or crash landing.
 - e. Immediately prior to ditching, bailing out or crash landing, the pilot or radio operator will tie down the CW key. If the aircraft is equipped with VHF, the pilot will break the safety wire on the VHF control switch and throw the switch to transmit position, or use any other means available to obtain continuous transmission.
 - f. If the aircraft no longer is in distress, a message cancelling the state of

- distress must be transmitted same frequency.
- (1) *Examples:*
 - (a) For radiotelegraph (CW)
 Aircraft: DEF V ABC QQ Z SOS K
 Ground Station: ABC V DEF R AR.
 - (b) For radiotelephone (voice)
 Aircraft: Mitchel ... This is Ringtop distress message ... Over.
 Ground Station: Ringtop ... This is M Roger ... Out.
 - g. If the aircraft has crashed ditched and the controlling station (or controlling author

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that a state of distress exists, a message cancelling the distress will be transmitted by rolling ground station on the frequency.

Special care must be taken to state cancellation messages in cases where authentication systems are in effect.

Day Air Crew Afloat in Dinghy or Boat

Rescue crew in dinghy or airborne should use some or all of the following methods to attract attention: when no aircraft or surface craft are heard in the vicinity:

"Hibson Girl" transmitter (SCR-17 AN/CRT-3). This transmitter should be operated approximately five minutes of each fifteen minutes coinciding with the intersilence periods at X:15 and X:45, if possible.

"Walter" (AN/CPT-2). This transmitter should be operated intermittently.

"Corner" (MX-137/A or MX-137/B). This equipment should be

used when aircraft or surface craft are heard in the vicinity:

"Hibson Girl" transmitter (SCR-17 AN/CRT-3). This transmitter should be operated continuously.

"Walter" (AN/CPT-2). This transmitter should be operated continuously.

"Corner" (MX-137/A or MX-137/B). This equipment should be

used in the following methods:

Use pyrotechnics.

Use paulin for flag signaling.

Use mirror for flash signaling.

Use whistles in fog or darkness.

Use a colored trail on the sea by resorcinol.

Use any other method signaling to attract attention.

Day Search Aircraft

When a search aircraft is dispatched on an emergency rescue mission:

1. The following frequencies if possible shall be guarded continuously:

(1) "On scene" frequency.

(2) 500 kc. (by means of automatic direction finder).

(3) The base frequency.

(4) The VHF common frequency.

b. Search equipment should be operated to detect presence of "Walter" and corner reflector ("Emily").

c. Communication between all search aircraft should be on the "on scene" frequency.

25. To establish communications:

a. With any Coast Guard base or boat, call and listen on 2670 kc.

b. With a Navy base or boat, call and listen on 2716 kc.

c. With an Army Air Forces air-ground station, on frequencies as specified in AAF radio facility charts and similar documents provided by the dispatching authority.

d. With towers or range stations call by voice using 4495 or 6210 kc and listen for reply on the proper tower or range frequency.

26. Search aircraft having sighted distressed aircrew, while circling the position, will:

a. When installed, turn on emergency IFF. (When leaving the immediate scene of distress, emergency IFF should be turned off.)

b. Notify the base station, indicating the location and whether assistance is needed.

c. When assistance is needed to complete the rescue, transmission can be made on 500 or 8280 kc so that shore stations can obtain a fix and surface and aircraft can "home" on the scene.

27. When the rescue is effected and the rescue craft is proceeding to the base, the base station will be notified.

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Action by Search Surface Craft

31. When a search surface craft is dispatched on an emergency rescue mission:

a. The following frequencies if possible shall be guarded continuously:

(1) "On scene" frequency.

(2) 500 kc. (By means of automatic direction finder).

(3) The base frequency.

(4) The VHF common frequency.

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33. Search surface craft, having sighted distress aircrew, will:

a. Notify the base station, indicating the location and whether assistance is needed.

34. When rescue is effected, the base station will be notified.

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Action by Aircraft Witnessing a Forced Landing or Sighting Distressed Personnel

38. Aircraft observing an incident should:

a. Keep aircraft or distressed personnel in sight.

b. Turn on IFF emergency.

c. Notify the ground station of the pertinent facts, giving the following information or applicable parts thereof:

(1) Type of aircraft or surface craft.

(2) Location—By geographic point or bearing or distance from some fixed point, or latitude and longitude.

(3) Time of crash or forced landing.

(4) Personnel.

(a) Number.

(b) Whether seen to bail out.

(c) Whether known to be afloat.

d. Remain on scene as long as endurance permits, or until directed otherwise.

e. Transmit, if possible, appropriate signals on 500 kc to alert Navy (Coast Guard) bases or units which maintain watch on this frequency and to aid rescue aircraft or surface craft to home on the location of the distress personnel.

f. Transmit, if possible, the appropriate signals for HF/DF fix on the control frequency or on 8280 kc. A constant HF/DF watch is maintained by all AAF and Navy (Coast Guard) HF/DF stations on 8280 kc.

g. Transmit, if possible, appropriate signals for VHF/DF fixes.

h. Turn off emergency IFF when departing from the immediate scene of the incident.

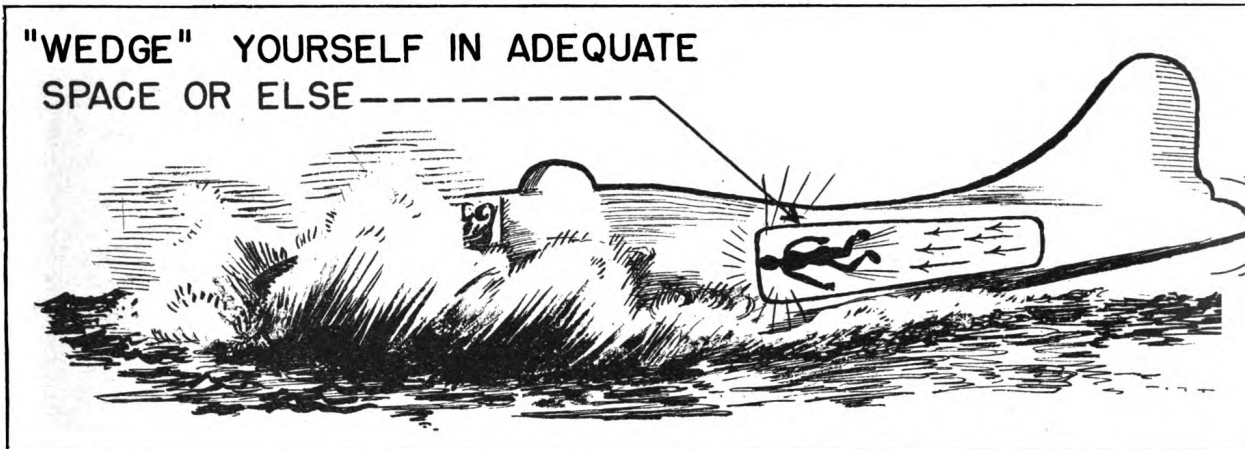
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"WEDGE" YOURSELF IN ADEQUATE SPACE OR ELSE



REASONING BEHIND DITCHING STATIONS CHOSEN—FROM "READINESS"

When an aircraft stops, all objects tend to move forward in relation to the aircraft at first, and then stop when they hit a part of it. Objects which are fixed to an aircraft slow down with it. Objects which are free move forward with the speed of the aircraft before it ditches and then stop very much more suddenly when they strike a solid obstruction.

Since the force developed depends on the speed of stopping or deceleration, it follows that a smaller force will be applied to a fixed object than one which is free.

Again, if an object has a small area of contact with the aircraft, the force per unit of area, or pressure, developed at the point of contact will be much greater than if there is a large area of contact. The total force developed by the stopping will be the same in both cases, but in one case this force must all be transmitted through a much smaller area.

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Action By Surface Craft Witnessing a Forced Landing or Sighting Distressed Personnel

42. Surface craft witnessing a forced aircraft landing or distressed personnel should:

- a. Render immediate assistance.
- b. Notify shore stations of the situation and action taken, and advise whether further assistance is necessary.

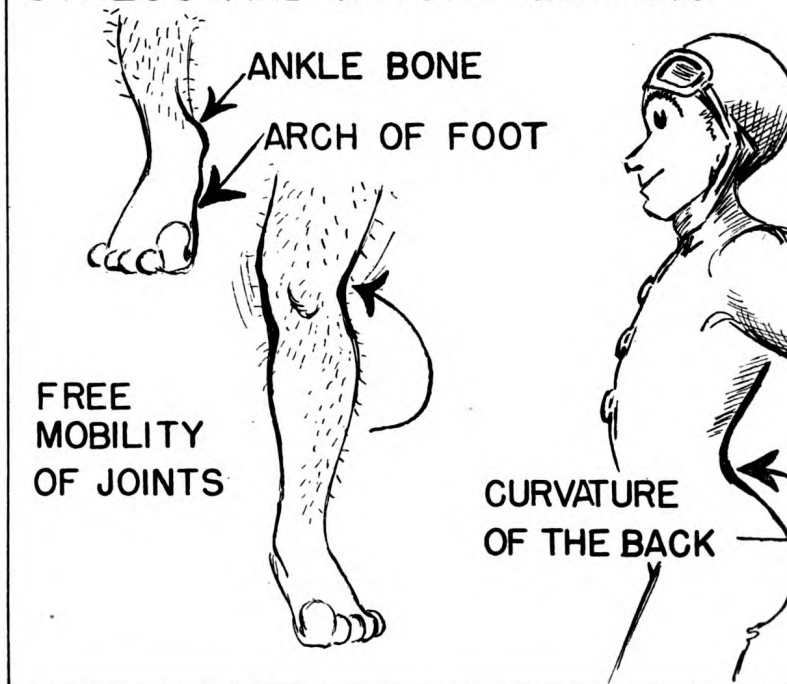
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Therefore, for maximum protection on ditching one should be firmly wedged in the plane and should have as large an area as possible against a bulkhead. This means, normally sitting crouched up with one's back against a partition, looking backwards. In addition, if the head is not carefully pressed against the partition—although the body stops with the aircraft—the head may move forward because of the flexibility of the neck, and either hit an obstruction with

great violence, or the neck may be dislocated. Consequently, it is important to hold the head against the hands if it cannot be pressed against the same support as the

A limb which is supported at one point in its length is subject to strain and may be broken. In ditching positions with the legs forward so good because practically the force is transmitted to the feet do not present a very large area

PARTS OF THE BODY DESIGNED FOR STRESS AND WEIGHT BEARING



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s great. However, the legs so that the body does not stop quickly as the plane. If injury it, it usually affects the legs. Injury is not often fatal. Head

is difficult in this position. Usually head injuries are the most serious injuries in ditchings es. Not only is the support of vital, but also it is important own any loose objects which ound.

When the aircraft usually has as: one when the tail strikes, second when the nose hits the sometimes the first shock dis- crew from the satisfactory

sink you. It becomes saturated with water and is approximately as heavy as water. From a floating point of view it is about neutral. It takes some time

HOLD HEAD WITH HANDS IF HEAD-REST IS UNAVAILABLE.



DON'T go in the water from a bomber unless you must. There are recorded instances of airmen diving into the sea to rescue some unimportant bit of equipment. This should be avoided if possible. It makes a tremendous difference if a thorough wetting can be evaded at the beginning. IF you must enter the water, slide or jump in as gently as possible, holding your nose and closing your mouth tightly. To dive boldly into a rough sea while wearing a Mae West is unpleasant and makes your chances of swallowing sea water much greater. Sea water in the stomach increases seasickness very markedly.

MAXIMUM PROTECTION IN DITCHING

**BRACE LEGS TIGHTLY
DON'T HEAD HANG LOOSE**



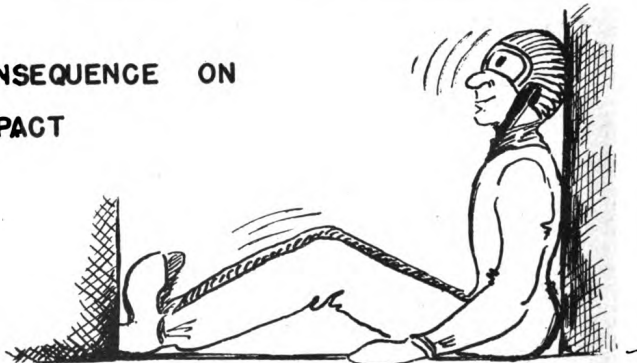
**CONSEQUENCE
ON IMPACT**



**BRACE HEAD FIRMLY AND
LEGS "GIVE" A LITTLE.**



**CONSEQUENCE ON
IMPACT**



they have taken and the second which may be more severe, finds bad position. It is important, only to be in a good position, to be *firmly* wedged into it.

BEFORE DITCHING

It is supposed that ditching stalls the adjustment of the life vest (if it has been attended to.)

Remove any clothing. Heavy clothing in the water does impede swimming. It makes it more difficult to get into the dinghy; but it does not

expel all the air, so at first heavy clothing actually is buoyant.

When in the dinghy, the advantages of having clothing are so great that one should wear as much as possible. Even if clothing is wet, it serves as protection against cold and the elements.

Try to take one or more parachutes and any spare clothing into the dinghy. Since this is additional to all the rest of the emergency equipment, it often will be impossible; but these are very useful if available.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

If you are in the sea **DON'T** swim aimlessly. A person can become exhausted in a very brief time under these conditions, and then there is no more swimming. Float long enough to make sure of an objective, and then swim for it.

If there is an injured man in the water, it is rather difficult to get him aboard the dinghy by pulling first his head, then his body and finally his legs.

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AIR FORCES ESTABLISH CONTINENTAL EMERGENCY RESCUE SYSTEM

AAF Regulation 20-54 Assigns Areas and Responsibilities to Numbered Air Forces and Major Commands; Terms Defined

Emergency rescue is defined and a continental AAF emergency rescue system established in AAF Reg. No. 20-54 by the assignment of areas and responsibilities to the numbered air forces and major commands. An amplifying parenthetical note states: "Nothing in this regulation will be interpreted to apply to aircraft crash rescue and fire fighting on or in the immediate vicinity of a base or to marine equipment assigned for other than emergency rescue purposes." The regulation is paraphrased in the following summary.

Emergency rescue control centers are defined as those installations so designated by the commanding general of each numbered air force and charged with directing AAF emergency rescue operations within specified areas, which are assigned to the commanding generals for the organization and operation of an adequate emergency rescue coverage.

Emergency rescue detachments of personnel and equipment are assigned to numbered air forces and attached to bases not under the command jurisdiction of the air forces.

ASSIGNED AREAS

Within the continental limits and adjacent waters, the territory is divided into four air force emergency rescue areas. (See figure 1 for boundaries.)

The regulation directs commanding generals of each air force to establish emergency rescue control centers and to determine the respective regions which will be served by each within their area. A consolidated list of all emergency rescue control centers in the United States will be published by Headquarters, AAF.

The commanding general, Air Transport Command, is made responsible for the organization and operations of emergency rescue service along ATC foreign routes, or portions of these routes, which are not covered by theater or continental rescue organizations.

EMERGENCY RESCUE SYSTEM

Organization and Responsibility

Headquarters, AAF, will establish over-all emergency rescue policies and operating procedures, including: air-ground and ground-air communications operating procedures; responsibilities of emergency rescue control centers; coordination and liaison among numbered air forces, and between these and major AAF commands; methods of emergency rescue; allocation and reallocation of emergency rescue facilities, personnel and equipment; and designation of AAF installations for locating emergency rescue detachments within an emergency rescue area, when the commanding general of a numbered air force having the responsibility within that area cannot obtain adequate coverage by using bases under his command.

Numbered Air Forces and Commands

The commanding general of each air force and major AAF command is directed to:

1. Establish policies and emergency rescue procedures to implement those established by Headquarters, AAF.
2. Notify the air force commanders responsible for emergency rescue within the area of discontinuance or establishment of installations.
3. Direct all base commanders under his jurisdiction to:

- a. Cooperate to the fullest extent with the requests of the emergency rescue control center.

- b. Report immediately to the appropriate emergency rescue control center information of aircraft or personnel in distress, and report unusual operations which may require special emergency rescue coverage.

- c. Provide service to emergency rescue detachments as established by headquarters.

Within established policies, the commanding general of each numbered air force is responsible for emergency rescue activities in his assigned air

force emergency rescue area directed to:

1. Establish policies and emergency rescue methods in accordance with policies and procedures established by Headquarters, AAF.

2. Direct, coordinate and supervise air force emergency rescue areas.

3. Establish emergency rescue control centers and assign the area of the jurisdiction of each.

4. Establish adequate emergency rescue facilities in such locations as required, utilizing existing facilities whenever practicable; and to reallocate rescue facilities and equipment to insure adequate and efficient rescue coverage.

5. Submit to Headquarters, AAF, requirements for rescue facilities and equipment, and report any special requirements for adequate and efficient rescue coverage.

6. Establish liaison and coordinate with other air forces or independent AAF commands, and Army, Navy, and civilian agencies, to fulfill the requirements for emergency rescue.

7. Request assistance from other air forces or independent AAF commands when the facilities under his established emergency rescue control centers are insufficient to accomplish the assigned mission.

8. Assign emergency rescue facilities and equipment to installations within his jurisdiction.

Emergency Rescue Control Centers

Within established policy, emergency rescue control centers will:

1. Determine the location of reported rescue incidents, direct mobile facilities to the survivors, provide them with the means for survival, and be responsible for their safety.

2. Establish policies and emergency rescue procedures to implement those established by higher authority.

3. Keep posted on the availability and condition, and periodically post the location of all rescue

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ment within the assigned area, informed of the capabilities and communication facilities in the area.

publish requirements and rapid communications service rescue facilities.

Agency for the coordination of agencies not under the direct

incident, plotting periodic position reports of all mobile facilities used on the mission, and disseminating information as directed by higher authority.

9. Determine the abandonment of search when there is no reasonable likelihood that the survivors can be located by further search, and notify all agencies concerned of such action.

to the appropriate emergency rescue control center.

5. Notify emergency rescue control centers of unusual operations which may require special coverage.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

Existing communication facilities will be utilized to the fullest extent.

**EMERGENCY RESCUE AREAS ASSIGNED TO
NUMBERED AIR FORCES**

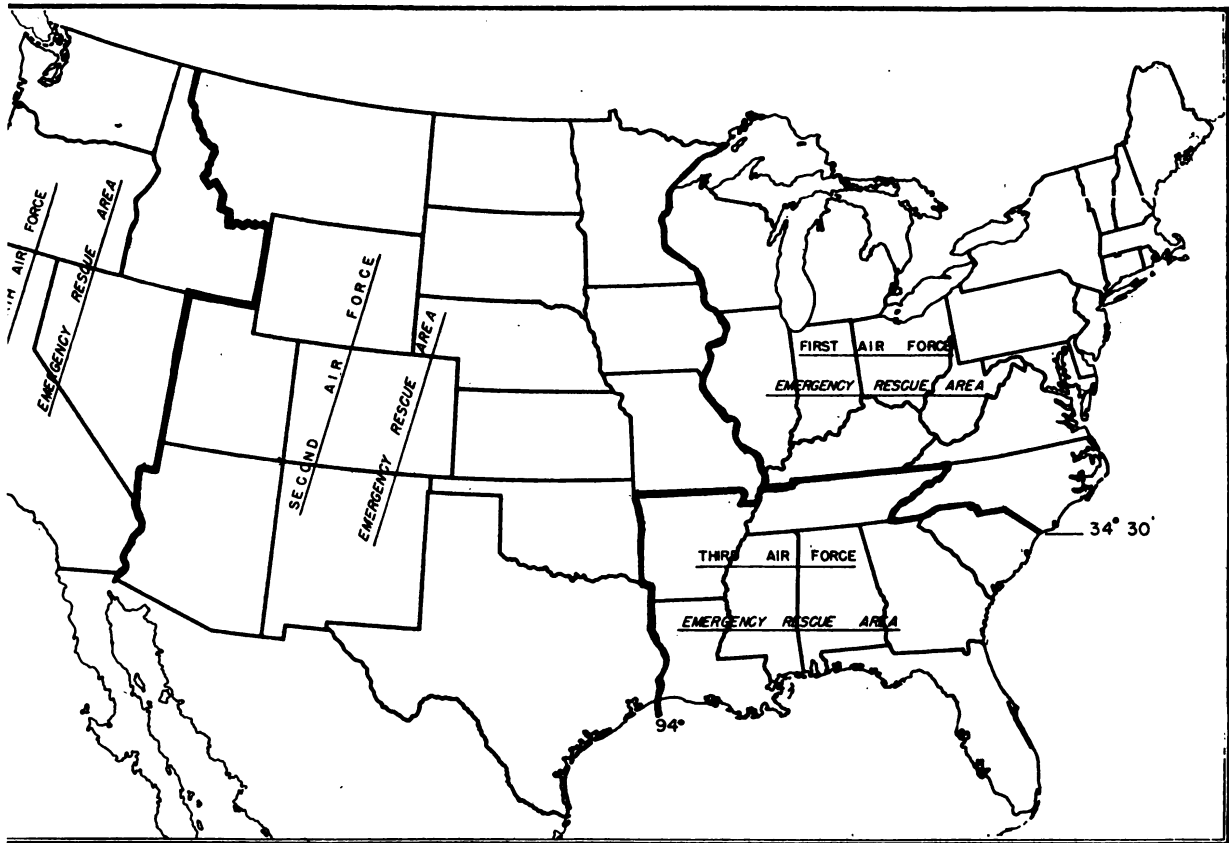


Figure 1

of the emergency rescue control center. If the emergency rescue control center of the assigned area for assistance of the rescue facilities under the control of the emergency rescue control center are insufficient to perform the assigned mission.

Receive, evaluate and disseminate rescue information promptly, and initiate rescue action when necessary.

Included in this will be: the operation of all rescue facilities assigned to the control center; directing of other rescue facilities as re-coordinating activities of the control center with other emergency rescue control centers whenever necessitating a running log of each

Air Force Bases

All AAF base commanders are directed to:

1. Assist in emergency rescue operations as requested by the area emergency rescue control center.

2. Make available, upon request of emergency rescue control center, facilities, equipment and personnel under their jurisdiction, as may be required for the assistance of lost aircraft or distressed personnel.

3. Initiate action in accordance with AAF Reg. 62-14 and standing operating procedure established by higher authority.

4. Immediately report any information of aircraft or personnel in distress

Base equipment, land and marine, required for crash rescue purposes on or in the immediate vicinity of an AAF base will continue to be assigned to the base.

THAWING MORPHINE SYRETTES BY PLACING IN THE MOUTH

Morphine in a first-aid syrette will freeze in sub-zero temperatures but can be thawed easily by placing the syrette in the mouth for a few minutes. This observation is reported in the 1943-44 "Cold Weather Trials Report" to the Department of National Defense, Canada. (AIR SURGEON'S BULLETIN, February 1945.)

DISTRESS SMOKE HAND SIGNAL

Will Be Incorporated In Life Vest Equipment

AN STANDARDIZATION APPROVED

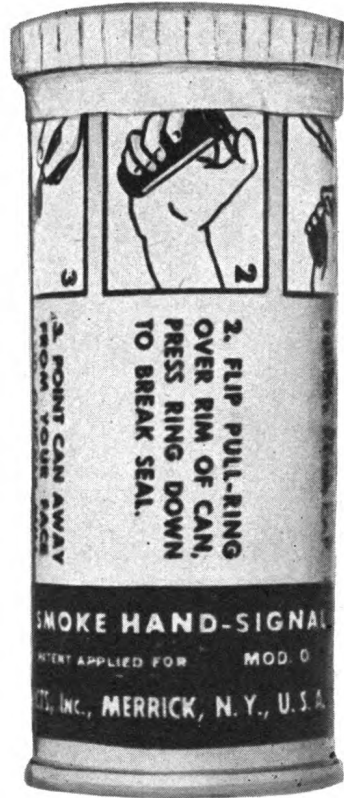
Navy BuOrd has published a circular letter (AV24-44) to acquaint ship and shore activities with the newly adopted Distress Smoke Hand Signal, AN—Mark 1, Modification O. Instructions are included to cover issue and use in naval aircraft life rafts and droppable gear. Designed primarily for distress signaling, this hand signal is similar in purpose to the Grenade, Smoke Hand (HC), AN—M—8, which it replaces in the ratio of four hand signals to one grenade.

The signal contains a pyrotechnic mixture which, when ignited, produces a volume of orange smoke for approximately 18 seconds. The signal itself is encased in a metal cylinder body (3 and $\frac{1}{8}$ inches in length and 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter), one end of which is closed by a soldered cap with pull ring which is of proper size to allow insertion of the index finger when the signal is to be fired. Being watertight, the signal is not adversely affected by moisture, and is so constructed that it can be comfortably and safely held in the bare hand during the burning period. Illustrated instructions for proper firing are printed on the colored label of each signal.

This signal is now available to the activities on a priority basis and has been standardized by the Army and Navy. Packed 100 per wooden shipping case, with a gross weight of 50 pounds, the signals should be stowed in a cool,

dry place; in no case at a temperature higher than 100° Fahrenheit.

In view of the effectiveness and relative safety of the signal, the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Mayport, Fla.,



has incorporated it with the equipment carried on the ANA Spec. AN—V vest to provide airmen with a signal on their person for use in an emergency. Favorable comment from Florida-based squadrons which have tried this modification has led BuAer to prepare a technical note describing the installation procedure. TN No. 1 outlines the following instructions for attaching the rubberized fabric into which the signals are fitted.

Figure 1 (next page) shows the construction details of the pockets into which the signals are fitted. The pockets should be stitched to a rubberized fabric patch, which in turn will be cemented to the vest at a location opposite the inflation cylinder shown in figures 2, 3 and 4 (next page). Any of the following types of cement may be used for the pockets and patches: Spec. AN—F—10, Types C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K; NavAer Spec. F—28, Type O.

The proper cementing procedure for attaching the pockets to the vest is as follows:

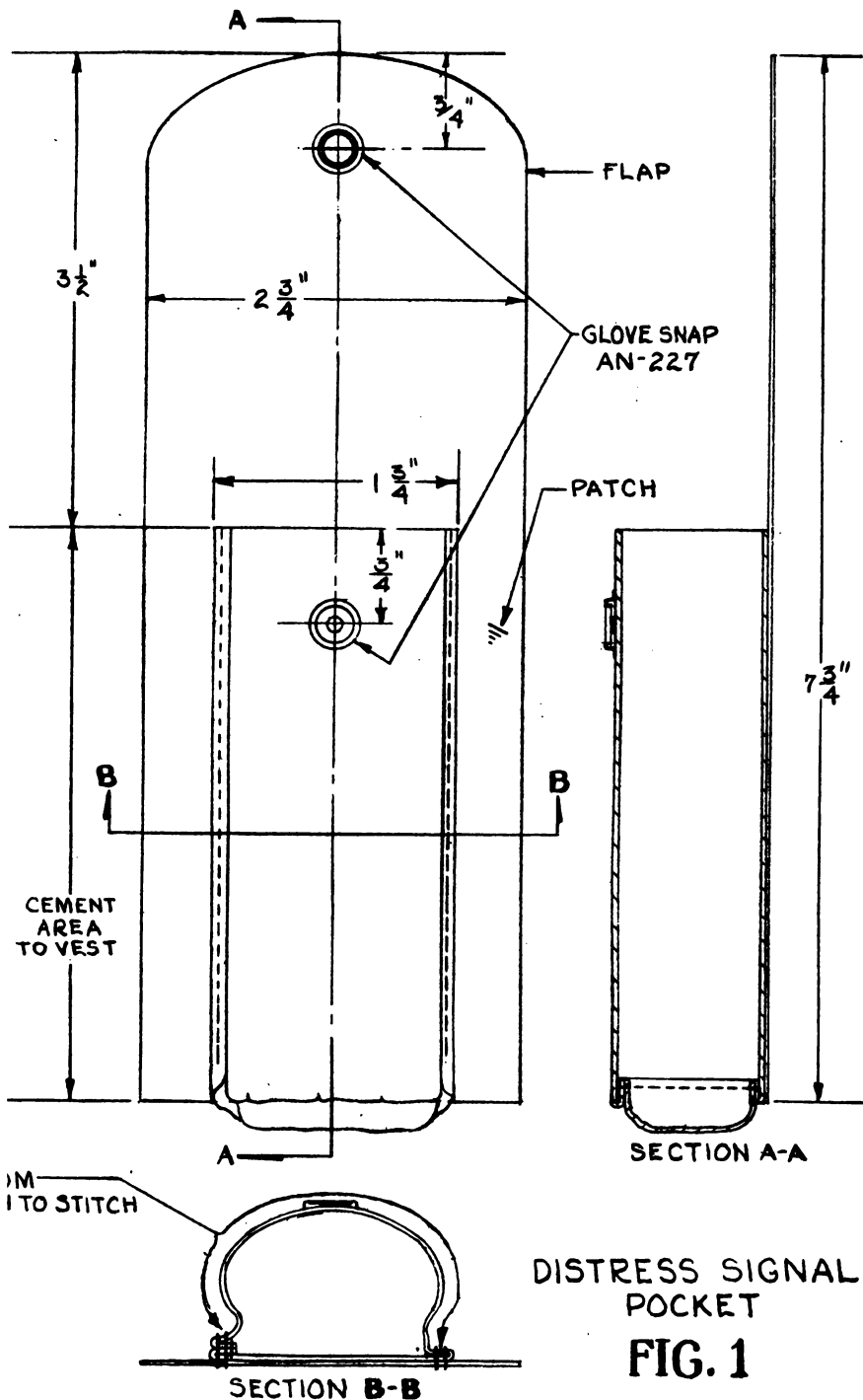
1. Clean with carbon tetrachloride or other suitable safety solvent both the patch and the area on the vest to which the patch is to be applied.

2. Roughen the patch with a wire brush or other roughening tool.

3. Apply four thin coats of cement, one coat per pocket, to the patch and the vest, allowing each coat to dry for not less than five minutes and not more than 15 minutes. The fire



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s should be brushed well into the
ic; the last two coats should be
ied evenly.

After the last coat has dried, apply
patch to the vest, making certain
no wrinkles result in the applica-

tion. Roll down the patch, using a
metal or rubber roller, to assure proper
adhesion.

5. Do not exert any pressure on the
patch until at least four hours after
joining.

PYROTECHNICS FOR USE IN AIR-SEA RESCUE

A Summary of Signals And Signaling Devices Adaptable For Use By Airmen In Emergencies Has Been Compiled

DEPTH CHARGE MARKER, NIGHT, MARK 2 (NAVY)

This signal is a calcium carbide, calcium phosphide, water actuated, floating light, which emits a flame of about 9 inches and burns for 45 to 55 minutes.

It is similar to the RES-Q-LITE and the SAVE-U-LITE. This signal is not recommended for use during war-time or at any time on tank vessels, as the flame emitted will ignite inflammable liquids floating on the surface of the water.

The visibility of the Depth Charge Marker is reported to be four miles from a ship's deck and 10 miles from aircraft.

AIRCRAFT PARACHUTE SIGNAL, RED STAR, M11 (ARMY AND NAVY)

This signal has been the standard distress signal of the Army Air Forces for some time, and is similar to the Signal Cartridge—Parachute, approved by the Coast Guard for merchant vessels. The AAF has installed it in all of the aircraft life rafts and emergency droppable gear. However, it will be replaced in the near future with Distress Signal, Two Star, Red, M75. The M11 is parachute supported and produces a red light of 20,000 candle power intensity for a period of 30 seconds while falling at a rate of six feet a second.

This signal is visible for seven to eight miles from a ship's deck, and up to 20 miles from aircraft.

SIGNAL AIRCRAFT, SINGLE STAR, RED, AN-M43 (ARMY AND NAVY)

A single star of 25,000 candle power, this signal has a burning time of seven seconds on a rise of 250 feet. *It is reported to be visible at 10 miles; however, it should be visible as far as the Aircraft Parachute Signal, Red Star, M11.*

VERY'S SIGNAL LIGHT, MARK II ALL SERVICES)

The standard distress signal for all services for a long time, this signal is made in red, green and white colors. The red color is used for distress signaling. The red star is of 300 candle power. *It has been reported that the maximum reliable visibility is one mile; however, reports from the Pacific area indicate that the signal has been sighted up to seven miles.*

HAND GRENADE, HC WHITE SMOKE, AN-M8 (ARMY AND NAVY)

This grenade produces a dense cloud of white smoke for a period of 2½ to 3 minutes and has been reported to be visible up to 7 miles. Pending replacement by the AN—Mark 1, Mod. 1, the HC, AN-M8, is recommended as a distress signal even though the smoke

blends into the background—gray clouds and white caps on the which under certain wind and conditions makes observation of the difficult.

GRENADE, SMOKE, COLORED (ARMY)

This signal is identical with the White Smoke Grenade, AN-M8, for the color of the smoke. It produces the following colors: yellow, green, orange, violet and

The red, yellow and orange are reported to be visible up to 7 miles.

GRENADE, SMOKE, COLORED (ARMY)

Identical with the HC White Grenade, AN-M8, except that it produces the same color smoke as the HC. This signal burns for one minute and produces a more dense cloud of smoke due to the shorter burning time.

DISTRESS HAND SMOKE SIGNAL, AN-MARK 1, MOD 0

This signal is a small hand smoke signal, which emits a cloud of fire-orange smoke for a period of 18 seconds. *It is reported to be visible up to 7 miles.* It is placed on naval aircraft life rafts and distress rescue gear.

HAND PYROTECHNIC PROJECTORS, MARK 3 AND MARK 4 (NAVY)

These projectors are designed to replace the Very Signal Light, Mark II. They are installed in the ship's Abandon Kit, all naval aircraft life raft droppable rescue gear. They are 5½ inches over-all length. The Mark 3 screws together at the breech. The Mark 4 has a bayonet connection.

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Avoid Use of Float Lights in Vicinity of High-Octane Gas

An ASRU Memorandum of the Northern Sector, Western Sea Frontier, cautions pilots about dropping float lights at the scene of a wreck in the vicinity of high-octane gasoline. Internal Memorandum No. 6-45 points out that float lights are pyrotechnic, that promiscuous use should be avoided and that they should be handled with care.

"It is possible," the memorandum continues, "that unless extreme care is used the dropping of a float light may cause the loss of the potential survivors and of our own crash boats. In a recent case, the crash boats were preceeding with caution, all hatches secured, and the smoking lamp out due to high-octane gasoline in the water and severe gas fumes. Into all this an airborne rescue craft had the temerity to drop a float light; which fortunately did not ignite the gasoline."

Information as to the effect of pyrotechnics on floating gasoline is being compiled, but meanwhile the memorandum urges pilots to use extreme caution:

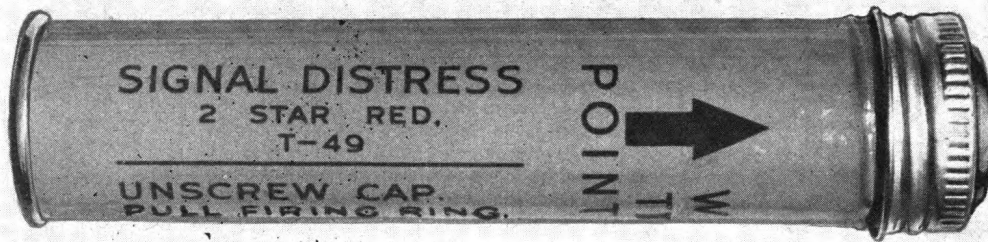
In dropping float lights where there is absolutely no need for them.

If necessary, then drop them upwind and clear of the crash slick.

Use of dye-marker is an alternative in an operation of this kind.

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ARMY ADOPTS NEW HAND-HELD RED DISTRESS SIGNAL



tract attention under emergency
ns at night and to aid in rescu-
ned personnel, the Army re-
adopted a new hand-held red
signal. Designated as Distress
Two Star Red, M75, this cylin-
der-shaped signal (1½ by 5 inches,
6 ounces) emits two red stars
root to an approximate height
feet. The burning time is 5.2

seconds with approximately 13,380
candle power.

Packed 10 to a carton, 10 cartons to
a wooden shipping case, this signal
(Stock No. S005-90-28015, Spec. No.
AXS 1419) is available at the present
time on a priority basis only, but with
increased production will become avail-
able to the field.

It is reported that the visibility is

five miles in daylight and 12 miles plus
at night. (It is believed that the day-
light visibility is less than reported.)

The Army is placing several of the
M75 signals in the airborne lifeboat, and
four in the C-2 one-man life raft.

The Navy has procured 20,000 of
these signals, which are on their way
to the fleet.

PYROTECHNICS (Continued)

PISTOL, 10-GAGE, MARK III (ARMY) MARK 3 (NAVY)

uses only the Very's Signal Light,
I. It was the standard signal
for some time in the military
but became obsolescent due to
the control of critical materials.
It is still in use. It has a steel
barrel and brass receiver, is 12½ inches
long and weighs about 2½ pounds.

PISTOL, 10-GAGE, MARK 5 (NAVY)

This pistol is a substitute for the
Mark III pistol in the Navy. It is
made of aluminum-alloy barrel
and fiber receiver and grip. It is
shorter in over-all length and weighs
1½ pounds.

PISTOL, 10-GAGE, M5 (ARMY)

This pistol has replaced the Mark III
pistol in the Army. It is lighter
than and smaller than other types
of pistols.

PYROTECHNIC PISTOL, M2 (ARMY AND NAVY)

This pistol is obsolescent for aircraft
use and has been replaced with the
Pyrotechnic Pistol, AN-M8.

PYROTECHNIC PISTOL AN-M8 (ARMY AND NAVY)

This pistol is the standard pyrotech-
nic pistol for the Army and Navy for
aircraft use.

It is capable of firing all so-called 1½-
inch signals now in service. The Signal
Cartridge approved by the Coast Guard
for merchant vessels has been fired from
it with the same results as when fired
from the approved pistol for merchant
vessels.

HAND PYROTECHNIC PROJECTOR, M9 (ARMY)

This projector is at present standard
equipment for latest Army life rafts.
It is made of steel, is 8 inches long and
weighs one pound.

EMERGENCY SIGNALING MIRRORS

Three types of signal mirrors are now
in service. The standard signaling mir-
ror used by the Naval Air Force is the
Learned type, which is easy to aim, due
to the oval retrodirective reflector aim-
ing device attached to the center of the
mirror. It is the best of the signaling
mirrors in use.

The Army Air Forces use the General
Electric type signaling mirror, which is
difficult to aim under rough sea condi-
tions.

Both the Learned and the General
Electric mirrors are made of tempered
glass.

The approved signal mirror for the
Merchant Marine is made of stainless
steel, polished on both sides. Diffi-
culty is encountered in aiming it under
rough sea conditions.

SEA DYE MARKER

There are two dye markers now in
service which are used by distressed
seamen and downed airmen to attract
the attention of searching aircraft and

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PARARAFT KIT—PK 1

Airmen Carry New Navy Pack Which Has Been Designed to Replace Back Pad Greater Freedom and Comfort and Reduction in Weight Listed Among Its Advant

A study of survival reports and comments of service personnel indicated that the present Back Pad Kit, Stock No. R83-K-520100 (NavAer Spec. No. M-592), was uncomfortable and placed the pilot too far from the protective armor plate at his back. To eliminate this condition, the Bureau of Aeronautics developed and has initiated procurement of a Pararaft Kit*, Model PK-1 (Spec. No. M-641), which will enable the user to sit on all his gear, if desirable, instead of carrying it on his back.

This will result in relief from the

*See Technical Orders Nos. 9-45 and 24-45.

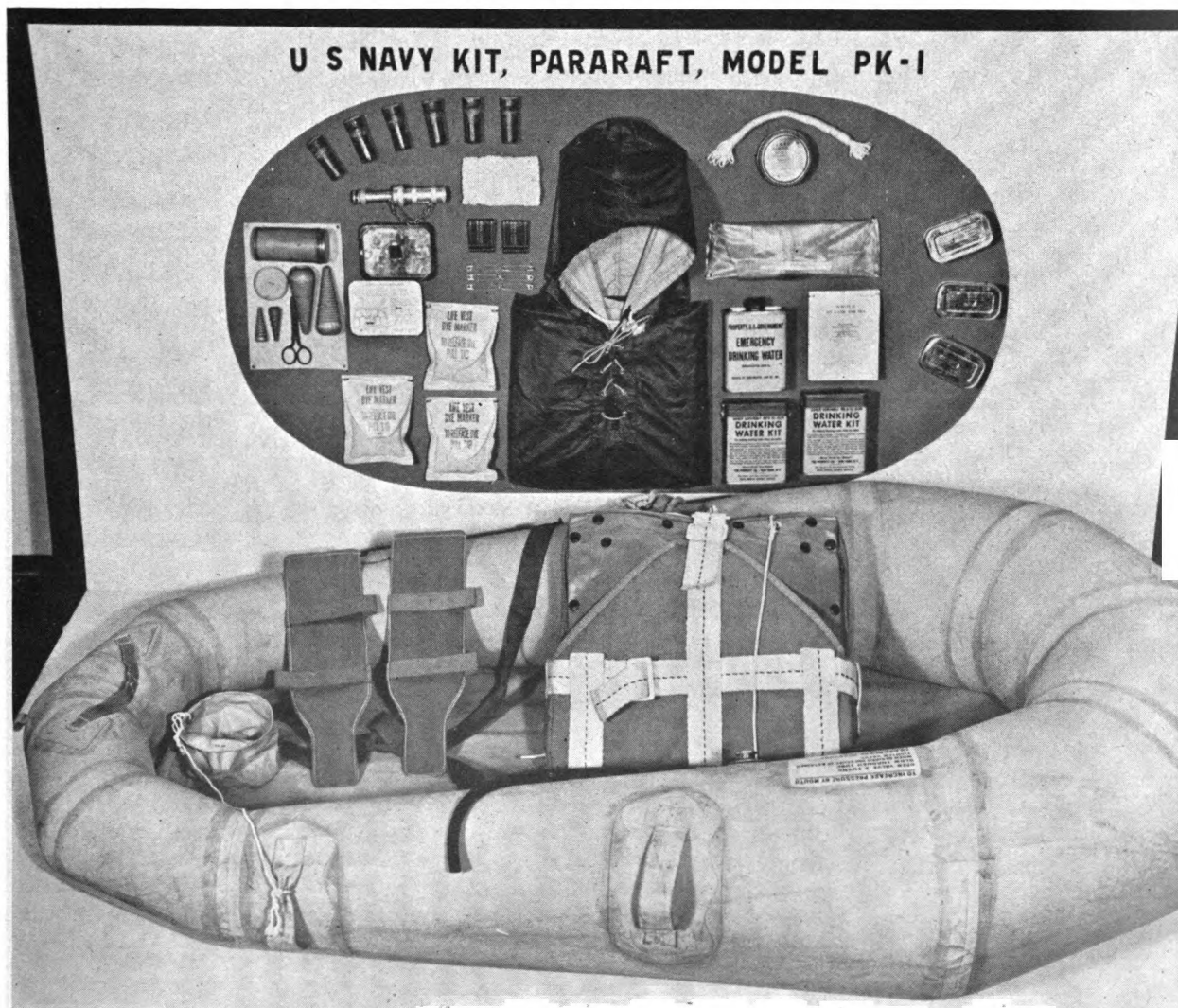
weight of the back pad kit, allow greater freedom of movement and provide increased protection to the wearer. The pararaft kit, now in production, is expected to be ready for delivery in limited quantities to the operating forces commencing approximately the first of May.

The pararaft kit is intended to be worn by pilots and other flight personnel flying over water. Each kit consists of a pararaft, emergency sustenance equipment, a case for stowing the raft and equipment, and a container which provides means of attaching the raft and equipment to the parachute harness.

STRUCTURAL IMPROVEM

Differing in several respects one-man life rafts of the series, the pararaft included in this assembly is lighter in weight and stowed in a smaller space and a radar corner reflector holder. Maintenance equipment is similar furnished in the back pad kit; new and improved items are Differences are noted in the list tents, which is appended at the end of this article.

The pararaft case has two compartments, one for the raft and the other for the sustenance equipment. It



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PK-1 KIT AND ACCESSORIES

Item	Quantity	Stock No.	Specification No.	Class No.
Model PK-1; Pararaft Kit complete		R83-K-709965	M-641	83
Anchor, Sea	1	C. F. E.	M-641	None
Bailing Sponge, Type 2, Size 4	1	R83-B-648500	L-S-626	83
Case, Model PK-1; Pararaft Kit	1	C. F. E.	Dr. No. 9216	None
Container, Model PK-1; Pararaft Kit	1	C. F. E.	Dr. No. 9218	None
Cylinder Valve Assembly	1	R83-C-94670	M-641, E-11	None
Drinking Water (Flat Cans)	1	R51-W-145	AN-W-5B	51
Drinking Water Kit, Chemical	2	R83-K-511000	M-613	83
Leak Plugs	4	R83-P-408550	M-641, E-3a (6)	83
Line, Nylon, Type 1, 150' coil	1	C. F. E.	AN-C-63	None
Match, Safety, Book	2	C. F. E.	None	None
Oral Inflation Tube	1	R83-T-704150	M-641, E-1K	83
Paddles, Hand, 14 by 4 inches	2	R83-P-4800	M-641, E-1L	83
Poncho	1	C. F. E.	Dr. No. 9217	None
Pyrotechnic Projector Kit	1	R83-K-710309	BuOrd	83
Rations, Tablet	3	R56-R-6300	M-539B	56
Reflector, Radar, Corner	1	C. F. E.	MX-137/A	None
Repair Kit	1	R83-K-710165	M-641, E3a (7)	83
2 4-inch diameter tire patches				
3 2-inch diameter tire patches				
2 ounces rubber cement				
Safety Pins, 2-inch	6	C. F. E.	None	None
Sea Marker, Life Jacket Packet	3	R37-P-25	M-566	37
Signaling Mirror	1	R83-M-525525	M-580A	83
Sunburn Ointment, 3-ounce can	1	R57-O-100	Pt. No. P-40469	57
Survival Booklet	2	C. F. E.	None	None
Water Storage Bag (Plastic) 5-quart.	1	R83-B-30175	Dr. No. 8985	83

¹ Item improved over similar equipment found in Back Pad Kit or AN-R-2 series seat packs.

² New item not included before as standard equipment in 1-man kit assemblies.

which will combine the contents of the back pad kit and the one-man parachute type life raft. (Spec. No. AN-R-2*.) This container, which is catalogued as Case, Pararaft and Equipment Container, Model A (Stock No. R83-C-8670), is approximately 15 by 15 by 5 inches and is divided horizontally into two compartments. The pararaft is

*See Technical Order 9-45.

inserted into the upper compartment and the cover is secured by a snap fastener. Certain items of sustenance equipment are to be removed from the back pad kit and inserted in the lower compartment, which is closed by means of a heavy-duty slide fastener. Twenty thousand of these Model A pararaft and equipment containers have been procured, and deliveries are scheduled to be completed by the middle of May.

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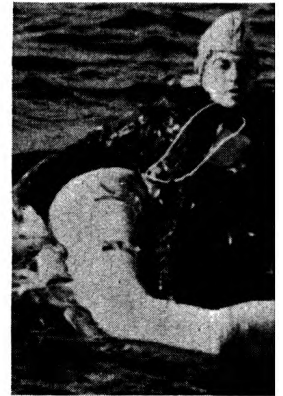
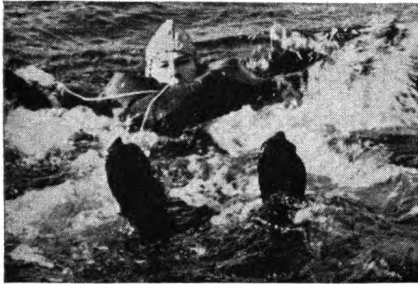


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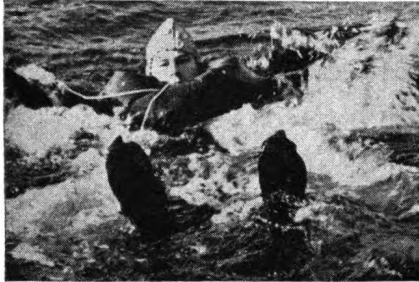


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Similarly, the same concept applies to the weather apron. You are very cold. It is adjusted, and probably you do not seem much warmer; it is a nuisance and prevents moving around. It doesn't *seem* to help, but 12-18-24 hours later you will be in a far different condition if you have used it than if you haven't.

Rain may fall in the first hour. You may be in the dinghy a long time; therefore, you cannot afford to waste any rain. Arrange to have the apron ready to collect it so that it runs down into a depression. Have a stowage container ready and the sponge for transferring rain from the apron to the container. Use the first few drops to wash the salt from the apron, and collect the rest.

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Then assess the crew. Determine who will be your right-hand man on whom you can rely for six to ten days, if rescue does not come before then. Mental make-up is much more important than physical in survival at sea. Of two men who are of "equal" character, the one who is physically more fit probably would withstand the strain better. Paradoxically, a quiet determined individual, particularly if he is rather well educated, generally will survive well even if he is of poor physique. A very fit, strong man who is noisily demonstrative and perhaps a bit empty-headed will often succumb rather easily.

ESTABLISH ROUTINE

Establish some routine, assigning everyone some duties to perform. Dinghy and lifeboat crews who keep active and attentive will survive long exposure better than those who remain idle. If there is an injured man, *don't*, out of kindness, excuse him from all duties and allow him to lie idle, if it can be avoided. Try to find some job in the routine which he can perform and persuade him to accomplish it. This is kinder and actually helping him more.

If everything is in good order, arrange some sleep rota. Often there is no room

for this, but sometimes there is *not* a full crew. Sleep in short watches of about two hours, and detail someone to watch over the sleeper so that he can relax without fear of falling over the side. If you are really exhausted don't sleep, but attempt to stay awake. To help this, energy tablets are provided.

Now some attention can be given to the "refinements"(!) of protection against exposure. If you have ditched at night, don't strip off wet clothing to dry until the day is a few hours old. More heat is lost by the exposure than is gained from the small amount of drying. When clothing is removed for drying at high noon, it should be taken off in layers. If you are wearing a relatively wind-proof garment, dry one layer from underneath it first, then replace that and dry another layer from underneath, retaining the windbreaker meanwhile. Finally, when you have two (or more) layers of dry clothing to wear, remove and dry the windbreaker.

Keep moving. If limbs cannot be moved because of lack of space, tense and relax muscles without moving the limbs. Place feet high—on the buoyancy chamber.

Keep flying boots on, unless they are too tight. Boots help to exclude the cold from the feet. When the boots feel tight, however, this is an indication that the feet are swelling. By hampering the circulation, they do more harm than good. Remove them and *do not* replace them. Wrap your feet loosely and keep them as dry as you can. Parachute silk is good for this purpose. If feet are numb and swollen, do *NOT* rub them. Just the right amount of rubbing, at just the right time and in just the right way, may be a good thing—but one cannot hope to do that in a dinghy. Too much rubbing, wrong rubbing, or ill-timed rubbing does a great deal of harm; therefore, *don't rub*.

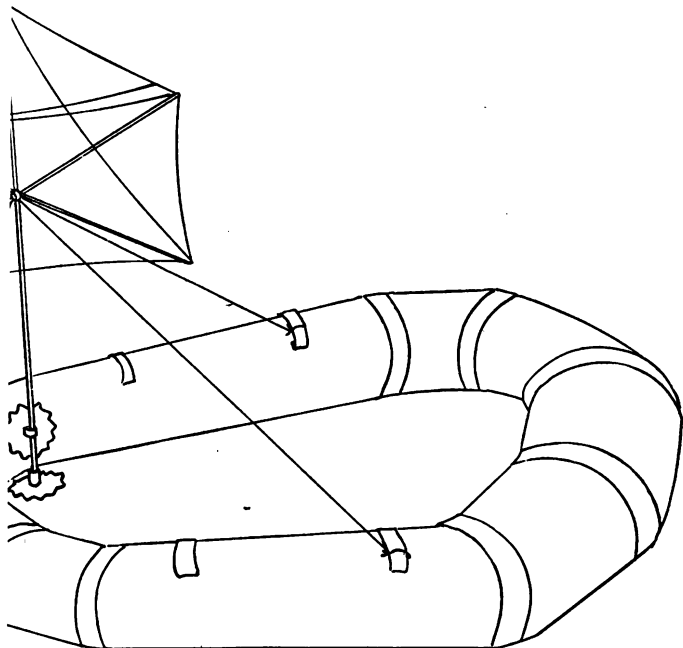
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EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES

FACTORS (Continued from page 19)



Forces have procured a quantity of modification kits, including patches for distribution to field activities. This equipment will be used to modify rafts for installation of the MX-137/A reflector in the manner shown in the sketch. This reflector unit also will be furnished with complete instructions.

Multi-Place Life Rafts

Forces multi-place life raft reflector unit is designated AN-R-2. It includes a universal reflector unit to be adapted to either wooden or aluminum, M-3 or E-2 series life rafts. Directions for erecting the reflector are provided in the reflector unit.

Life Rafts, ANA AN-R-2

MX-137/A corner reflector is secured to one of the raft hand straps by the reflector strap. The reflector reflector then shall be secured to the parachute raft reflector CO, cylinder. The reflector to the raft, patches and loop drawing shall be in accordance with all parachute life raft reflector is rigged by means of the lines supplied with the raft. The guy line should be secured to the raft reflector two guy lines at the raft hand straps. Each

guy line is provided with a fitting which will permit rapid removal of the reflector if the raft should capsize, and which also will provide for taking up the guy lines to maintain rigidity of the reflector.

ASBESTOS SUIT

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Access to the suit is effected through a zipper opening, extending down the front from the neck to the waistline. When closed, the zipper is protected by a flap held in place by buckles. Zipper fasteners are provided at the wrist and lower section of the outside leg seam.

Additional Types of Equipment Received for Exhibit

[1 February to 28 February]

Catalogue No.	Object	Source
45.11.1-2.....	Suit, flying, anti-exposure, quick donning....	Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.
45.13.1-32.....	Raft, pneumatic, 1-man, PK-1.....	Equipment and Matériel; BuAer, Washington, D. C.
45.14.1.....	Block, wood, sister, without becket, swivel eye 6-inch, with tail.	Coast Guard Supply Depot, Brooklyn, N. Y.
45.15.1.....	Life preserver, 38-ounce, yoke type.....	BuShips, Washington, D. C.

AAF PROCURES SEA WATER DESALTING KIT

A sea water desalting kit recently has been procured by the AAF for use in pneumatic life rafts and over-ocean operations where fresh water storage space is limited.

This kit, designated as Kit, Sea Water Desalting, Type JJ-1 consists of a metal container in which are packed six individually wrapped briquets of salt-removing chemicals, a plastic processing bag and mending tape. The processing bag is a translucent flexible cylinder provided with a filter and outlet tube at one end, and a closure at the other end which is large enough to permit one briquet to be inserted.

The quantity of sea water added to each briquet is governed by a line marking on the bag; each briquet will render about a pint of potable water from the sea water added. The filter at the bottom of the bag holds back all sediment. Mending tape is supplied for repairing the bag. These desalting kits are now available and can be requisitioned using Stock No. 4500-527600.

SUNBURN OINTMENT ADDED TO M-3R PNEUMATIC RAFT

Sunburn ointment has been added to the M-3r pneumatic life rafts by the second amendment to the NavAer specifications. The new item is a 3-ounce container of Eli Lilly and Co. sunburn protective ointment P-40469, or equivalent. This is contractor-furnished equipment and will be stored in the supply pocket of the M-3r life rafts; one container of the ointment supplied with each of the Mark 2 and Mark 4 rafts, two with each Mark 7 raft. Contents will be durably marked on the outside of each container.

TWO SURVIVAL ACCOUNTS . . . *Three Days in a Life Vest Adrift For 83 Days*

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The survival accounts narrated were chosen as representative of many which have been related by men who have used their resourcefulness and ingenuity while they were castaways, and returned to tell about it.

THREE DAYS IN A LIFE VEST

Ensign J. H. Carroum had just completed a successful attack on a Japanese transport in the South Pacific when he was hit by anti-aircraft fire from a destroyer. Limping along, he was easy meat for pursuing Zeros and at about dusk was forced to make a full stall landing on the ocean. His plane, a TBF, landed so hard he was thrown against the instrument panel and knocked out.

When he regained consciousness, he saw his rear seat gunner preparing to inflate the rubber boat, but as Zeros were still overhead, restrained him for fear of inviting further attack. Then, unfortunately, the uninflated rubber boat caught in the tail section of the sinking plane, was carried under and lost.

Carroum could see Kobiloko Island to the south, and was not dismayed by the prospect of a 25-mile swim in their Mae Wests, but his companion thought it impossible. They headed south and swam all that night. Carroum, much the stronger swimmer, would have to go back frequently to encourage his gunner and help him along. Just before dawn, the gunner was nowhere to be found. Carroum himself survived by only the narrowest margin and what seems to have been a superhuman effort to make shore.

Daylight revealed that although he was heading south, his course was southwest because of the currents. He adjusted by swimming southeast, but this increased the distance he had to travel. Carroum was only 12 miles offshore on

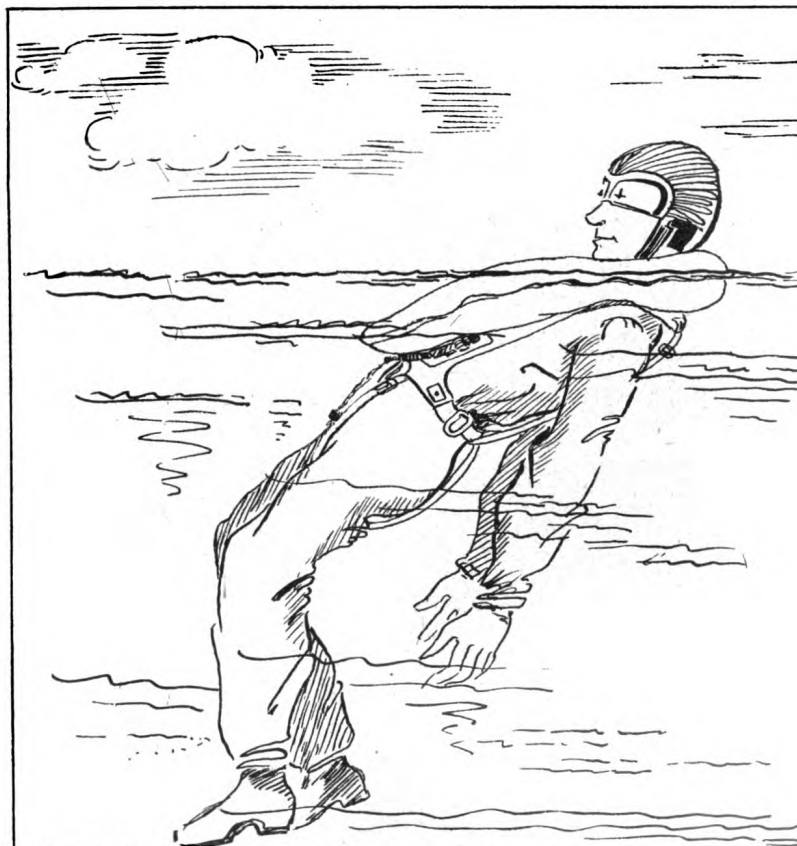
the morning Hynson was lost, and he hoped to make shore by nightfall. He swam all that day, using the breast stroke with the scissors kick, resting approximately 5 minutes out of each hour. He must have swum three times 12 miles but by nightfall was still about 6 miles offshore where the currents were becoming fiercer. His face had swollen from injuries and sunburn until it was hard and tight—one eye had closed and he could barely see out of the other. But he swam on stubbornly and with such exertion that by morning—only 600 yards from shore—he lost consciousness and drifted for what must have been 5 or 6 hours.

When Carroum came to, he saw that he had been swept past Kobiloko Island, and was about 2 miles off Baisen Island, next to it. The offshore currents were still strong and little headway could be made against them. There were other

islands in the vicinity; the one called Leru, seemed uninhabited, so he swam for one where he could see smoke. By now, his third day, he was so sick and thirsty; but he kept on swimming. About 6 o'clock in the evening it rained and relieved him somewhat, but he was physically exhausted and passed out once more.

This time he must have drifted for 10 hours. When he revived, he rested and able to continue. He was calmer now and he made progress toward shore until about 10 o'clock when his feet struck bottom. The bottom proved to be a coral reef 200 yards offshore where the surf broke and tossed him in all directions. The jagged rock, cutting him in all places. But he knew about coral reefs and allowed himself to roll with the waves rather than fight them, and produced

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WHILE UNCONSCIOUS CARROUM DRIFTED ON TWO OCCASIONS

METHOD ADOPTED BY COAST GUARD

EVE METHOD

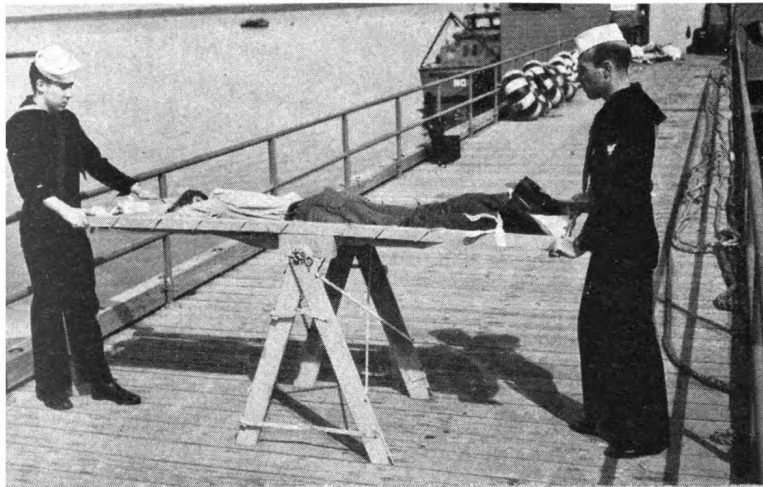


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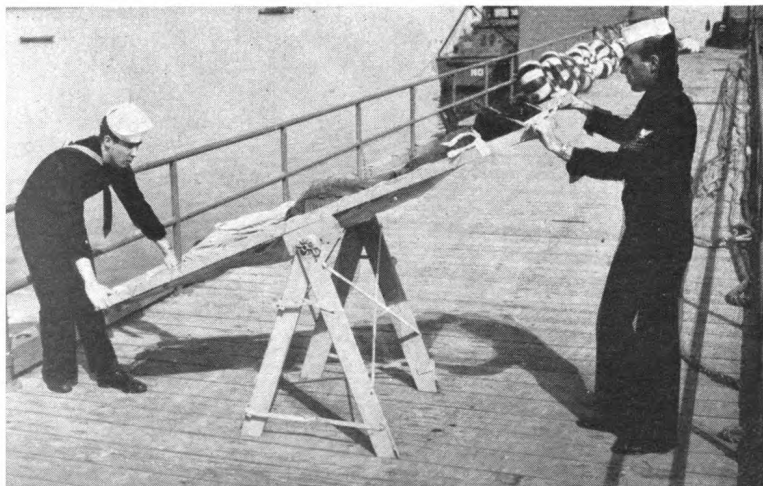


FIG. 6 (Photos by C.G. Air Station, Elizabeth City, N. C.)

IN ADDITION

Artificial respiration has been made the subject of a special project of the Coast Guard medical division under Dr. Carl Michel, Assistant Surgeon General, United States Public Health Service. Studies of the Eve method and the Schaefer prone pressure method of artificial respiration and the related subjects of asphyxia and shock were made under the direction of Dr. John C. Grier Jr., Surgeon, USPHS. On the basis of these studies, the Eve method, developed by Dr. F. C. Eve of Hull, England, and adopted by the Royal Navy, has been approved by the U. S. Coast Guard medical officers for use in addition to the Schaefer method.

The Schaefer method of resuscitation for obvious reasons remains the technique of choice under ordinary circumstances. Anyone who has had first-aid instruction knows how to apply it; it requires no apparatus, and it can be put into operation immediately. However, the Eve method is especially suited to cases where artificial respiration must be maintained for some time and the necessary apparatus can be set up while the Schaefer method is being applied.

The report of the project follows:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION

Asphyxia

Asphyxia is a condition in which respiration, or breathing, has ceased. It may be the result of either abnormal physiological or physical causes.

The physiological causes of asphyxia may include lack of stimulation of the respiratory center in the brain, paralysis of the respiratory center, and the inability of the blood to absorb oxygen from the lungs or to effect the normal exchange of gases in the body tissues.

When it is due to physical causes, it may be spoken of as suffocation. In asphyxia resulting from physical causes, the lungs are deprived of air because of stoppage of the air passages mechanically. Such causes may include water in the air passages, as in drowning; foreign body in the air passages; diphtheritic membrane extending into the larynx; tumor in the air passages; swelling of the mucous membrane fol-

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SCHAEFER METHOD

lowing inhalation of live steam or an irritating gas; constriction around the neck compressing the trachea, and the presence of inert gases in the air. The most frequent causes of stopping of breathing are drowning, electrical shock and gas poisoning. Asphyxia may be present also in victims of shock or collapse, extreme exposure to heat or cold, and chemical poisoning.

Symptoms of Asphyxia

The symptoms by which the necessity for artificial respiration may be recognized are: cyanosis (blueness of the skin and membrane), suspension of respiration, or shallow breathing in some cases of poisoning.

Treatment of Asphyxia

The first thing to do in treatment is to remove the cause of the asphyxia or to remove the victim from the cause. Then administer artificial respiration (see methods below). Later treat for shock (see below). In some cases artificial respiration can be administered while the victim is being removed from the cause to more suitable surroundings. The treatment for shock often can be started while artificial respiration is being administered.

The victim's mouth should be cleared of any obstruction, such as chewing gum, tobacco, false teeth or mucus, so that there is no interference with the entrance into and escape of air from the lungs.

Artificial respiration should be started immediately. Every moment of delay is serious. It should be continued for at least four hours without interruption until the victim is pronounced dead by a medical officer or until normal breathing is established.

Not infrequently the victim, after a temporary recovery of respiration, stops breathing again. The victim must be watched and if natural breathing stops, artificial respiration should be resumed at once. Perform artificial respiration gently and slowly. Roughness may injure the victim.

Every precaution must be taken to prevent further injury to the victim. It may be necessary to give artificial respiration over a prolonged period of

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FIG. 1

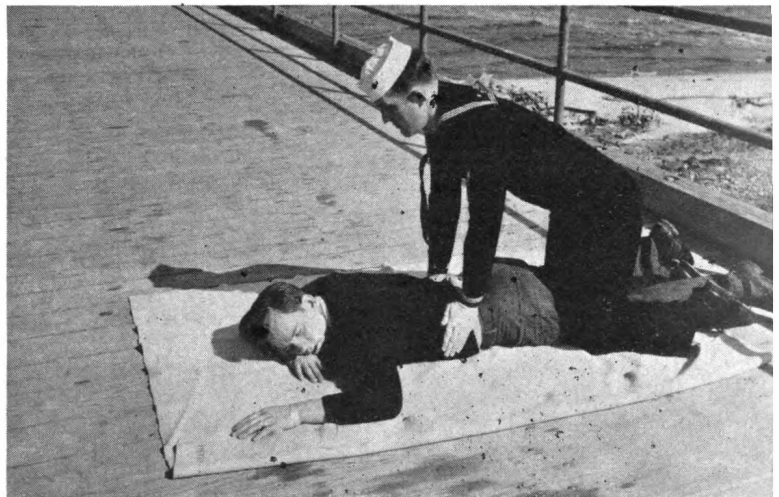


FIG. 2



FIG. 3 (Photos by C. G. Air Station, Elizabeth)

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the methods that require the use of pressure, injury to the head and internal organs must be avoided.

Prone Pressure Method

The prone pressure method is used for a considerable length of time on one person without danger to the operator if the operator does not use excessive pressure. Its principle is compressing the chest and forcing air into the lungs. Approximately 60 pounds pressure is probably sufficient even for a large adult. As a different method of artificial respiration is to be used later, the prone method should be used until the operator is such as to permit instituting the Eve method.

The victim on his abdomen, supported directly overhead, is supported at the elbow and with the arms turned sideways and resting on the forearm, so that the nose and mouth are free for breathing. (See figure 7.)

The operator straddling the victim's side toward which the face is turned, with his knees placed at such a distance from the hip bones as to support the victim in the position shown in the figure. The palms of the hands on the victim's back with the fingers resting on the ribs, the little finger just above the lowest rib, with the thumb on the side in a natural position and the fingers just out of sight.

The arms held straight, swing forward slowly, so that the weight of the hands is gradually brought to bear on the victim. The shoulder should be supported over the heel of the hand at the beginning of the forward swing. (See figure 8.) Do not bend the knees.

This operation should take about 30 seconds.

After 30 seconds immediately swing backward to relieve the pressure completely. (See figure 9.)

After two seconds swing forward to repeat unhurriedly 12 to 15 times the double movement of compression and release, a complete cycle in four or five seconds.

As artificial respiration is started and while it is being continued an assistant should loosen the clothing about the victim's neck and waist. The victim should be kept warm.

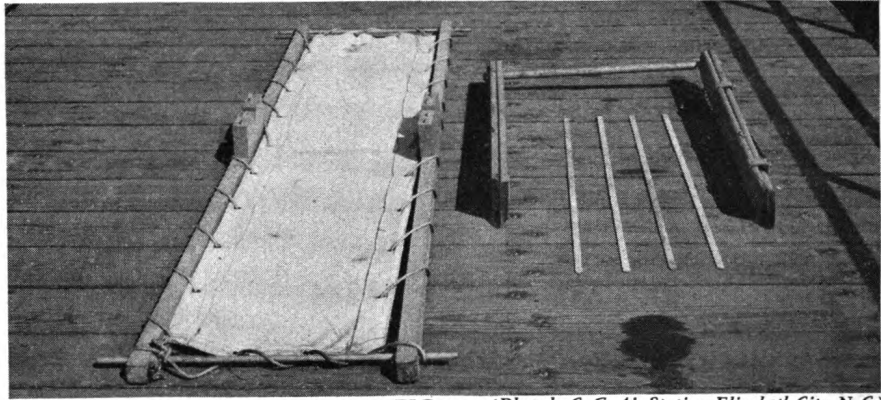


FIG. 7 (Photo by C. G. Air Station, Elizabeth City, N. C.)

7. When natural breathing has been restored, the victim should be treated for shock.

8. In carrying out resuscitation it may be necessary to change the operator. This change must be made without losing the rhythm of respiration.

Eve Method

The Eve Method of Artificial Respiration makes use of the weight of the abdominal organs alternately to push and pull the diaphragm up and down in the manner of a piston and consists of rocking the victim securely lashed to a litter or board over a fulcrum. It is easy on the victim, less tiring to the operator, and requires less skill. Its disadvantage is the fact that it requires some apparatus, namely a litter, or board, and fulcrum. (See fig. 7 and 8.)

1. The victim is laid face downward on a litter or board, with arm outstretched.

2. The ankles and wrists are secured to the litter or board.

3. The litter or board is placed on a fulcrum. (See fig. 4.)

4. The litter or board is rocked at 10 double rocks a minute with a tilt each way of 45° to 50°. (See fig. 5.)

5. In resuscitating an apparently drowned person the first head-down tilt should be maintained until no more water drains from the stomach or lungs.

6. Continue until normal breathing is restored or until the victim is pronounced dead by a medical officer.

7. The victim should be kept warm.

8. When artificial respiration has been started, the treatment for shock should be instituted.

Shock

Shock is the term used to describe a condition in which the activities of the body are greatly depressed. The usual

characteristics are pale face, weak and rapid pulse, great lowering of the blood pressure, listlessness, dulling of sensibility, subnormal temperature and irregular gasping breathing. There may be cold sweat present. Some degree of shock follows most injuries. It may be slight and last only a few seconds, or it may be serious and even fatal. It may come on immediately, or be delayed, coming on several hours later. It may be due to profuse bleeding, exposure to cold or poisons taken internally. It is almost always found in individuals who have had an interruption of breathing, whatever the cause.

If the victim is not in a condition of shock, he should receive treatment to prevent the development of shock. The same measures are used to prevent shock as to treat it.

Treatment of Shock

When the victim revives, he should be kept under close observation for 48 hours even though he apparently feels all right. He should not be permitted to exert himself in any way.

The fundamental factors in the prevention and treatment of shock are heat, position and stimulants.

A. Heat—this is the most important factor.

1. Preserve body heat.
 - a. Protect from exposure to cold.
 - b. Remove wet clothing and dry the victim.
 - c. Wrap the victim in blankets.
2. Apply external heat.
 - a. Care should be used to avoid burning the victim.

(1) Test the object used for applying heat by holding against the cheek or elbow for half a minute.

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(2) Wrap in a layer of cloth or paper.

b. Methods of applying external heat.

- (1) Hot water bottles.
- (2) Chemical heating pads.
- (3) Glass jars and bottles containing hot water.
- (4) Hot bricks.
- (5) Electrical heating pads.

c. Apply heat to various regions.

- (1) To the feet.
- (2) Between the thighs.
- (3) Along the sides of the body.
- (4) Over the abdomen if not uncomfortable to the victim.

B. Position.

1. Place the body in such a position that gravity will help the blood flow to the brain and heart.

a. Lay the victim on his back with the head low.

- (1) This can be accomplished by raising the foot of the bed, cot, bench or litter so that he is lying at least 18 inches higher than the head.

(2) If on a flat surface and other means aren't available, elevate the feet, legs and thighs.

C. Stimulants.

Give in small quantities at a time. Do not attempt to make an unconscious person drink.

1. Aromatic spirits of ammonia—a teaspoonful in half a glass of water is one of the most satisfactory stimulants. This can be repeated every 30 minutes as needed.

2. Coffee and tea both contain the drug caffeine, which is an excellent stimulant. Give the coffee or tea as hot as can be taken comfortably. A cupful may be given every 30 minutes as needed.

3. Hot milk, or even hot water, has some stimulating effect, due to the heat.

4. An inhalation stimulant, such as an ammonia ampule or aromatic spirit of ammonia on a handkerchief, may be placed near the victim's nose in cases in which the victim is not conscious. The one administering the stimulant should always test it on himself first.

5. Whiskey should be given only in very unusual cases.

Atabrine and Quin Malaria Treatment ject of Report

Results of a study of the coactivity of quinine and atabrine treatment of European patients affected with West African *falciparum* malaria are reported 2 February 1945 *BuMed N*. The patients were divided into groups of 40 each. In 1 group each received 2 grams of quinine for 2 days; in the other group the dose for each patient was 2½ grams of atabrine in 6 days, ¼ gram had been administered the first day.

While there was wide variation in initial parasite counts of both the cases treated with atabrine the average count was higher. No difference in severity, there was no significant difference in the results of treatment.

The doctors concluded: "It is commonly held belief that quinine is the drug of choice in the treatment of malaria, atabrine being but a substitute. The results reported here show that such a view is ill-founded. Atabrine has already been demonstrated to be used with heavy initial parasite counts can deal effectively with heavy infections by *plasmodium falciparum*. Above results indicate that it is at least as effectively as quinine. However, there is no evidence that a combination of atabrine and quinine is superior to either of these drugs alone." (*Findlay, Markson et al. 1944.*)

Friendly Natives

He was awakened next morning by friendly natives who cared for him. He stayed with these people for several days. He was well enough to travel, and proceeded to a larger village where he met another American flier, a pilot named Hurst, who already had sent word of his safety back to base and was waiting for his rescue. Meanwhile, the Japs were of their presence and announced that they were coming to get the fliers. Carroum, Hurst and the pilot prepared an ambush for the Japs. They were fully prepared to kill

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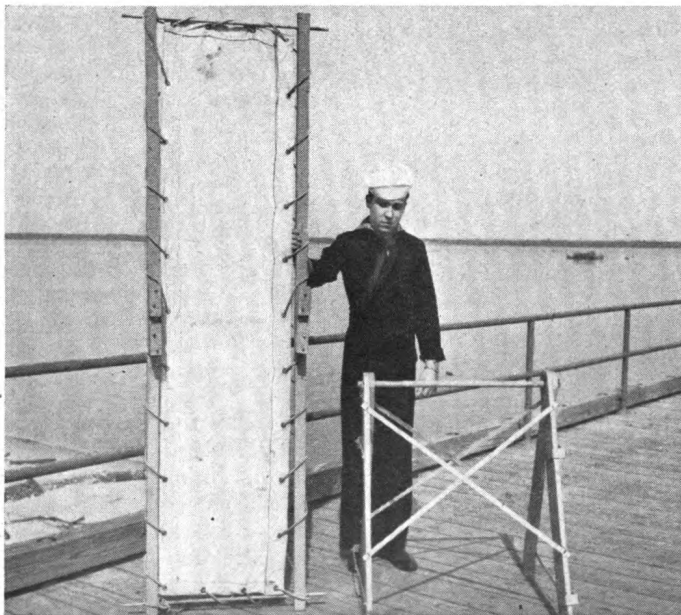


FIG. 8 (Photo by C. G. Air Station, Elizabeth City, N. C.)

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to paddle and crawl over the rocks instead of hanging on or trying to walk. In this way he reached the protected lagoon and made his way to the shore.

There was a pool of rain water on the beach. Carroum crawled to it and drank his fill. He also found a coconut on the ground, cracked and ate it; then he fell asleep.

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at the Japs merely came fore, talked to natives in vent away without landing. ay a Catalina arrived and ugees back to the American ousm joined his squadron *Enterprise* after an absence eeks.

DR 83 DAYS

3. *Zaandam* was a Dutch r, leased by the United the Netherlands fell to the was carrying a mixed crew nd American seamen when 00 miles off Recife, Brazil. Basil Izzi and Ensign John the U. S. Navy gun crew, reckage and floating debris ts and a day, following

They were finally taken ge raft already occupied by t, Hoogendam, and Beezley. men thus thrown together lly assorted group. Beezley gh-and-tumble sailor from o. He was the oldest, 38, first to reach the raft.

Slot, 37, was an experienced oiler from the crew of ship. Maddox, 29, was a icer. Hoogendam was only l been a fisherman in the s until the Nazi invasion, pped, for the first time, as a eaman. Izzi, 19, was an eican from South Barre, had been in the Navy only e prior to the shipwreck and al training for an emergency.

Dutchmen spoke a little ere by no means fluent. as a former instructor of Purdue University. Izzi nnerly officer were the only ew each other at all well. ntory of equipment and owed that they had three a canvas tarpaulin, several es of canvas, a life ring, a sticks, two paddles, some of matches, a first-aid kit, sors, some flares, two pocket e cans of milk, a few dozen ecutts, 10 gallons of water, nds of chocolate.

Days

l and drink, properly ra- ld last them about 18 days. ful consideration, it was t in the morning each man

should have a cup of water with a piece of cracker; in the afternoon, a half cup with a little milk and cracker, and at night, a cup of water, a piece of hard-tack and a fifth of a cake of chocolate.

All the men were wearing trousers, shorts, and shirts except Izzi and Maddox, who dropped theirs while swimming in the ocean the day of the sinking. Izzi had nothing but a shirt, and Hoogendam was the only one of the group who saved his shoes. None of the five had a hat, so all suffered terribly from sunburn and exposure.

Izzi was forced to make pants of his life jacket; and Maddox, who had a bad pneumonia record, to cover his shoulders with one of the small pieces of canvas. All developed salt-water sores early on the trip, and Hoogendam, in addition, had a bad gash on his knee from the torpedoing, which had blown him overboard.

The men apparently didn't realize the seriousness of their situation because they made no attempt to rig an awning and very little effort to catch fish or birds. They even fed some of their crackers to the birds and threw away other useful articles, such as the pair of shoes.

Maddox showed ingenuity when he made fish spears of a pair of scissors, and also when he caught a shark with a rope noose. He had noted that the sharks would come straight for the raft, then dive a little and swim under it; so he spread his lasso along the edge of the raft and hung it in the water. When a shark came through, the noose was jerked and the shark snared by the fins. The men ate the heart, liver and a little of the white meat, putting the rest away in a locker, where it spoiled and had to be thrown away.

As they grew hungrier, they also snatched birds. Hoogendam was the most agile, and he proved good at catching not only birds, but also small fish which he would get through the slots in the bottom of the raft.

An Albatross For Thanksgiving

Once an albatross circled their raft, and Hoogendam became excited over the prospect of catching the bird. After watching it circle and light on the water 3 feet away, Hoogendam could be restrained no longer. He made a dive for it.

The other men grabbed his feet as he jumped, for there were many sharks in

the vicinity, and quickly hauled him back on board with the panicky albatross pecking away at his hands and face. It was a triumph for Hoogendam. The bird, which was as large as a chicken, served as the main course of their Thanksgiving dinner.

After the original supply of drinking water was exhausted, the men caught rain water in their tarpaulin and stored it in cans. Nevertheless, they suffered much from thirst and hunger.

They were in a warm latitude and drifted northeastward across the Equator toward the West Indies. During the first 5 weeks they suffered most from heat and thirst. Later they had a great deal of rain and were chilly much of the time.

Near Rescues

On the eighteenth day out, Ensign Maddox spotted the first ship. Excitedly they set off flares, waved their flag and shouted; but no response came from the ship. They had one consolation, however—the thought that they must be in a shipping lane, and the prospect of other opportunities boosted their spirits. The next day they sighted a second vessel, but had no better luck attracting attention.

They sighted a third ship on December 15 and were passed up once more. Their forty-third day on the raft, they were low and discouraged by this time.

Quoting Izzi, "We all slumped down and cried. We had convinced ourselves that a third ship would not pass us up, and this one had gone right on by, away out there in the distance. We didn't talk much about it; we just sobbed."

The descriptions of Beezley's death on the fiftieth day, and that of Maddox on the seventy-seventh, are typical pictures of dehydration and starvation. The three who came through were flexible and quickly adjusted to the raft life, determined not to submit to their environment.

It was more than a month before their hopes were raised again. On the eighty-second night, as their raft approached Trinidad, they heard motors and spotted an airplane high above them. It was too far away and the light of day almost gone, but it made them feel good to know that they were near some place where airplanes operated. The next day they saw another, and then several in succession.

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Each time their hopes rose a little higher, and finally on the eighty-third day they sighted the convoy which picked them up. They had no way of signaling by then, except to stand and wave the flag. Even this was impossible for any one of the three to do alone; but the other two assisted Van Der Slot to stand and wave, which attracted the attention of a U. S. patrol craft, and it came speeding to their rescue.

Aboard the PC boat that picked them up the three survivors were attended by a hospital corpsman, who nursed them with excellent care. They were put ashore at a naval hospital in Brazil and after several months of rest fully recuperated.

Without Water for Four Days

Maddox died only 6 days before rescue came. Immediately prior to his death the group was without water for 4 days. He was delirious and thought the others had water which they were keeping from him.

Soon after this, Van der Slot discovered that one of the food containers, long unused, had a little dirty water in the bottom from condensation during the cool nights. They eagerly strained this water through a handkerchief and were able to salvage two cupfuls which lasted them for 3 more days. Then it rained again.

Even toward the end of their voyage the men found it refreshing to wet their bodies in the cool sea. They would tie a rope about their waists and one at a time go overboard, supported by the others.

One day while swimming in this manner Van der Slot discovered that there were shellfish attached to the bottom of the raft. These were carefully gathered and eaten, including the shells. Thereafter the men would take turns going under the raft in search of snails and barnacles.

Summary

Five men living in such close quarters under such trying circumstances were bound to irritate each other's nerves, especially five men of such widely different temperaments and backgrounds. As their physical condition depreciated, nerves were worn thinner and thinner.

Strong leadership is usually the means of avoiding or suppressing bad feeling, but with this particular group no one man emerged as the natural leader.



THE BURMA HANDBOOKS FOR AMERICANS . . . FOR JAPANESE

Doctrines, theories and methods prepared by the enemy are both us interesting. The Japanese conceptions in particular have been different. following comparison between an American document and one prepared Japanese on the same subject, marked contrasts in ideology and approach noted.

The American booklet is the Armed Forces' *Pocket Guide to Burma*, prepared by the U. S. Army Service Forces, Special Service Division. The other *Handbook*, was propagated by the enemy in July, 1943, for the use of soldiers and was translated by Lt. William Magistretti, AUS, for OSI, CBI, New Delhi.

As the comparison is made from the standpoint of rescue and survival, the political discussions (on which the Japanese booklet enlarges) and other of primary interest only to occupational troops is omitted.

A survivor of a plane crash who becomes a "walkout" in Burma can benefit considerably if he has knowledge of the characteristics of the people, religious methods of transacting business, and basic health precautions. It also is to his advantage if he knows the enemy's ideas on the same subject.

INTRODUCTION

THESE PARAGRAPHS ARE THE OPENING WORDS OF THE TWO MANUALS

ARMY:

I claim we got a hell of a beating. We got run out of Burma and it is humiliating. I think we ought to find what caused it, go back and retake it.

JAPANESE:

Our great Empire arose decisively with the objective of building the Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere. Burma has become independent an

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**List of Motion Picture Films Relative to Air-Sea Rescue
 Available for Screening at Air Sea Rescue Agency**

An annotated list of motion-picture films on subjects relative to air-sea rescue which are on file with the Air Sea Rescue Agency library is compiled and published here for information and reference. In most cases the Agency does not have duplicate copies of the films and for this reason it cannot make a practice of lending them. They may be seen at the Agency. None of the films in the following list is classified higher than restricted.

FILM TITLES AND SUBJECTS

No.1	Title	Subject	Released	Run- ning time (min- utes)
MN-1145 TF 21-1244	Abandon Ship.....	Discusses prescribed methods of leaving ship, escaping through oil, types of emergency flotation equipment, including rubber rafts, life jackets, and improvised flotation gear.	1943.....	32
MA-934 TF 1-327	Aerial Navigation.....	Shows various radio aids available to pilot and navigator, including radio range station, radio compass, and use of general radio equipment. Methods of quadrant identification are described.	1942.....	30
MN-2306a	Castaway.....	Contains information for living at sea in a one-man rubber raft, survival of a Navy fighter pilot on a dry atoll, and living off a tropical Pacific island.	1944.....	64
MA-507c TF 1-544	Celestial Navigation— Bearings, Single Lines of Position.	Defines bearing, line of position, circle of equal altitude, fix and intercept, plotting of assumed position and intercept, and selection of celestial bodies for observation.	1942.....	18
MA-507g TF 1-548	Celestial Navigation— Land-Fall Flight.	Describes the use of Line of Position in aerial navigation and its use in establishing landfall by various methods: single landfall, stationary curve, double curve.	1942.....	14
MA-507d TF 1-545	Celestial Navigation— Latitude by Polaris.	Shows relationship between latitude and elevated pole, position and diurnal path of Polaris and reduction of altitude of elevated pole. Methods of solution by mathematical formula and use of tables are described.	1942.....	10
MA-507f TF 1-547	Celestial Navigation— Star Identification.	Offers simple and explicit directions for identifying the constellations and individual stars which have greatest importance for celestial navigational purposes.	1942.....	12
MA-507e TF 1-546	Celestial Navigation— Time.	Explains various time elements in celestial navigation which are used in solving practical exercises.	1942.....	10
MH-2269F MTF-17	Combat Swimming.....	Demonstrates swimming instructions for nonswimmers; shows more advanced training for swimming with full pack, escaping through burning oil, correct procedure for jumping overboard, and lifesaving techniques.	(?).....	20

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No. ¹	Title	Subject	Released	Running time (minutes)
TF 1-333	Crash Landing in Unfavorable Terrain.	Basic procedures for safe crash landings of fighters and bombers in unfavorable terrain are demonstrated by means of model planes and sand tables.	4-12-44.....	20
MB-3750 AF-112	Ditching Before and After..	How to put the C-46 airplane down on water; duties of crewmen during such an emergency; launching and entering Type A-3 five-man life raft.	1-31-44.....	35
MB-2831 TF 1-3634 14C-779	Ditching Without Hedging.	With models and a unique catapult device, the film demonstrates the correct and incorrect methods of landing British landplanes at sea.	12-29-43.....	22
MA-3432 TF 1-3335	Emergency Care of Aircrew Casualties.	Proper emergency methods of treating aircrew casualties for abrasions, wounds, arterial bleeding, fractures, burns and shock are demonstrated in Flight Surgeon's office on simulated wounds.	11-3-43.....	58
MG-1961 MCG-123-5	Emergency Lifesaving Fishing Kit.	Detailed instructions for use of Pinchot-Lerner fishing kit; demonstrates use of each item and gives many helpful fishing instructions.	1943.....	19
MN-2829a	Emergency Rescue Equipment, Life Jackets and Suits.	Demonstrates methods of donning kapok jackets, inflating pneumatic belts and vests; procedure for jumping overboard with this gear; and care and treatment of life jackets and inflatable belts.	1944.....	20

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ARMY

As a whole the Burmese are characterized by a sense of humor, and a love of life, and a love of life of ease and laziness. (En

JAPANESE

The Burmese has the characteristic of being easily bound up in things and of great amount of labor.

ARMY

In sum, and not exclusive of the last part for ease), those are the qualities which appeal to an American, and which convey that your tour of duty in Burma will be a friendly relations with an interesting and progressive people.

The women of Burma still smoke "white cheroots," . . . you may at first be astounded by the number of Burmese with unsightly discolored teeth and gums. Despite this lasting impression will be one of a people of a relatively high order of living .

JAPANESE

They like to smoke a great big cheroot, to engage in business, sing and dance, bathe every day, and spend their days loafing around. This is the former pattern of daily life of Burmese.

BURMESE ATTITUDE TO WOMEN

ARMY

The . . . encyclopedia . . . appropriate describing the general characteristics of the Burmese. "The women are more industrious and better than the men, but their school education is neglected." Burmese women enjoy a freedom unusual in non-European races.

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necessary that we remember quite well that they have the character of being stuck up . . .

The activities of the Imperial Army in Burma are the object of world attention. Military discipline and conduct must be severe. The officers and soldiers stationed in Burma should have thorough knowledge of the country. They should lead and win over the Burmese so as to manifest the solidarity of Japan and Burma and at the same time they should be prudent and circumspect in their activities. They should be brave in battle so as to carry on the outstanding work of those who have gone before them and thereby carry out his Majesty's intent . . .

It is not logical that we should expect the same of the Burmese as we do of Japanese, for they are behind us in culture, temperament, and customs.

Laborers, who are weak in the spirit of working, exhibit a capacity for work only two-thirds that of the Japanese . . . It should be absolutely prohibited that one hit workers in order to speed them up. There are instances in which coolies and laborers have left because attention was not paid to this detail.

Prior to the war employees had only one type of work per man. If one were to ask a cook to draw water he would immediately leave.

We should gradually change this system along the lines of the system current in Japan, but attention should be paid to the contract at the time of hiring and to the use of the man immediately after he is taken on.



That Whacking White Cheroot

*O-Hsee
Dance*

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se prize their women and accordingly the women is high. We would not be faring that Burma is a country where the red and the man occupies a lower position. s among government officials . . . woman . . . If you make any passes at the Burmese re in for a time of it. Many instances ade a pass at a woman . . . killed by her

se woman does not marry early, but a girl usually has one or more YIZA . . . ated as a suitor but is not entirely in the aning of the term. Some of them are me are merely friends. Complete secrecy in these matters. . . .

BUSINESS

ops and markets, they do not haggle or urch as the average Oriental. They will and name their price usually, and the n yours—take it or leave it. They rices, but their merchandise is of good n they have it. The country is now cluttered with Japanese-made goods all merchants regard soldiers as good a gold brick or a fur-lined mess kit.

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se) is weak in figures and inferior in busi- or to the war . . . business was corrup Indians. He has no attachment for ittle inclination to make bank deposits. kes a little money he gathers together his equaintances and eats it up or else he s a gift to a temple or buys a precious stone. n his wages in a large amount and at one ake a vacation . . . until he has no more e raise wages . . . to get more help, it will se effect of the laborer's vacationing for the e increase.

MANNERS

rade or when visited in their homes the al simply and with a lack of formality Americans welcome. Shaking hands eral practice, though some Burmans tern education . . . exchange hand-

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se are usually unamiable and do not greet is common for them not to say "Thank h they have received some favor at your may think . . . it would not be a n of their thankfulness . . . who do not understand that attitude receive sion of the Burmese.

RELIGION

ese are Buddhists and their religion 'most part of their life, and is one of the for the picturesqueness of the country, and hamlet being marked by its own generally by a monastery. The spirit- ivery village is the yellow-robed ongy or

u attend Burmese festivals and pwes (entertainments) keep everything under eave the show to the participants . . . hist New Year comes in April and is y Burmans throwing water over one
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No.1	Title	Subject	Released	Run- ning time (min- utes)
MN-2829b	Emergency Rescue Equip- ment, Floats and Floater Nets.	Designed primarily to instruct per- sonnel on vessels operating in com- bat zones the use of floats and nets stowed aboard ship in the event of abandonment in a disaster.	1944.....	11
MN-299a	Essentials of First Aid.....	Describes some medical facilities afloat, methods of transporting and protecting injured men, rescuing and reviving men overcome by smoke, contents of Navy first aid kits, and treatment of wounds.	1942.....	30
MN-1329	Forced Down at Sea.....	Demonstrates various types of rubber life rafts and lists emergency equip- ment stowed in them. Explains how to inflate and enter raft.	1943.....	24
MA-2172 TF 1-492	Formation Flying.....	Illustrates basic principles of elemen- tary formation flying, positions of leader and wingmen, basic signals and precautions for beginners.	1942.....	8
MG-2160a	Handling a Lifeboat Under Oars—Rowing—Part I.	Demonstrates proper wrist and body movements in rowing, and points out the four phases of a complete stroke.	1943.....	11½
MG-2160b	Handling a Lifeboat Under Oars—Commands—Part II.	Gives and demonstrates various com- mands pertinent to handling a life- boat under oars and shows proper stance to be assumed by Coxswain and men.	1943.....	10
MB-3200 14C-643	It's Your Pigeon.....	Use of carrier pigeons by RCAF for homing SOS messages of crashed air- crews; instructions on training, care, and method of launching pigeons in disasters.	(?).....	21
MA-2627 TF 1-3403	Land and Live in the Arctic.	Emphasizes measures aircrewmembers must take for bodily protection against snow and subzero tempera- ture after forced landings in the Arctic. Shows how to improvise shelter, obtain food.	8-30-43.....	58

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No.1	Title	Subject	Released	Run- ning time (min- utes)
MN-3354 TF 1-3346	Land and Live in the Desert.	Explains and illustrates protective measures to follow when aircrewmembers are forced down in desert terrain. Discusses improvised signals and shelters, protection against heat and sun.	4-12-44.....	40
MA-4206 TF 1-3347	Land and Live in the Jungle.	Explains right and wrong protective measures for aircrewmembers to follow after forced landings in the jungle. Illustrates shelter, water, and travel through jungle terrain.	1-28-44.....	62
MG-1760 MCG 105-J	Launching a Life Raft.....	The construction of a wooden life raft is discussed and its launching and handling in water are demonstrated. The supplies and equipment aboard the raft are pointed out and discussed.	1942.....	13
TF 1-3300	Learn and Live.....	A safety film for pilots. Dramatizes, in fantasy form, some common errors in flying safety and emphasizes the necessity for the pilot giving constant attention to the job of flying his airplane.	3-8-43.....	45
MN-2612	Making Seawater Drinkable.	Explains action of seawater upon the body. Describes newly developed desalting kit, reaction of chemical briquets on seawater and how pure water is obtained.	1944.....	13
TF 1-3343	Malaria Discipline.....	Designed to impress on all personnel necessity for taking proper measures against malaria. Discusses worldwide prevalence of malaria and how the Anopheles mosquito attacks its victims.	4-12-44.....	35
TF 1-808	Miscellaneous Cold Weather Operations of Aircraft.	Treats hazards of subzero weather operation of aircraft in a typical arctic situation; includes immobilization and malfunctions of equipment, winterization procedures for aircraft and equipment.	8-31-43.....	17
MA-2188 TF 1-487	Oxygen Equipment—Types and Use at High Altitudes.	Identification and explanation of oxygen masks and regulators; checking direct-flow indicators with ground flow check meter; types of oxygen installations on airplanes.	1942.....	24
MA-4583 TF 1-2665	Parachuting into Water....	Describes actions during descent, method of getting clear of parachute harness, inflation of Mae West, breaking out rubber raft, use of sea marker, "riding" chute.	4-6-44.....	31
MN-1334a	Patrol Bomber Equipment—Part I.	Stresses the importance of stowing all necessary gear for flight and shows the use made of the equipment.	1943.....	12
MN-1334b	Patrol Bomber Equipment—Part II.	Explains how to compensate for elements when bombing in a tail wind, a head wind, and when a moving target is moving toward, away, and at a drift angle to the plane.	1943.....	11

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another as we do confetti. The Burmese have a religious significance; the so regard them with restraint.

The chief precept of the Buddhist is good works on earth that he will be re next reincarnation. The bestowal of a ing of rice to priests, the founding of a the building of a rest house for traveler of high merit.

These are things which an American stand and respect, even though he prac religion . . . Be ever mindful that a cor dignified attitude toward all things pert religious life of the country is paramour

(No Japanese comment on this subj because of a similarity between Japanese holidays.)



Buddhist Priest

TEMPLES

JAPANESE

The Imperial troops' observance regard has been quite well carried out but the instances at the time of the occupation in a temple in a compound has been used storage purposes, or in extreme instance laundry, for drying pants in the entrance or in cases in which the interior of the ten as a latrine. Attention should be paid to which aroused the antagonism of the Bur of some carelessness . . .

There have been some instances where Bu have been pressed into work as coolies. unfortunate.

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BRITISH RULE

LIST OF MOTION PICTURE FILMS (Continued)

British rule one authority remarks, "Per the history of any country has the on its past and its present been so did." The conditioning influences of administration, expanded commerce izing effect of education and medical istributed to Burma's forward surge. rmese profited by these general ad- sense of unity and of nationhood r, and by degrees they progressed in t within the framework of the British ; ago, Burmese women with property ere given the vote. Finally partial granted Burma in 1937, the last major he national history to precede the apanese plague.

sh administration the Burmese had he wise use of freedom in much the he Philippines. But when the dike aya and the Japanese crossed the n the passage of one month the Bur. uced to a state worse than slavery . .

war of Greater East Asia and prior to ct, the British government considered a nce into Burma as a dream. Army ithrew into the summer resort . . . only guard Burma whose area is the same as try.

ok a policy of despising and paying no e Burmese. An extreme freedom of mitted.

overnment took a policy of encouraging e the various races and political parties

per cent of the Burmese understand quite ave no future if cast off by Japan and . . . patiently lead them in the spirit of brother.

ARMY SECURITY AND FIFTH COLUMN

ma's population live in the valleys of , Sittang, and Salween, and upon the They are a nonwarlike people, and circumstances Americans can count dship. The record shows, however, ercentage was willing to swallow the e by the Japanese, and actively aided me the country was invaded. There mn which pillaged the cities, harassed r and made retreat difficult, in marked the loyalty of the native military

uss military affairs with the people. uestion you, act courteously but either bject or profess ignorance. . . . More ctions will be given by your com-

eat basic difference in the pro-Japanese 3urmese as compared to that of the Tais, on the British-Americans to the last ally came over to us during our military t of the Philippines, who helped the ericans by fighting against us or the

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No.	Title	Subject	Released	Running time (minutes)
MA-4586 TF 8-2057	Personal Health in the Jungle.	An Army Medical Corps training film designed to instruct all troops and personnel serving in the jungle, the treatment and sanitary measures for keeping physically well.	1944.....	15
MA-3819 TF 8-2057	Personal Health in Snow and Extreme Cold.	Outlines the techniques important for living in extremely cold area; how to wear specially designed clothing, use and care of equipment, personal hygiene techniques.	1944.....	20
MC-2480	Physiology of Anoxia.....	Inhalation therapy. Film should be of interest to all Medical Officers. Describes various types of anoxia.	1944.....	20
MB-1534 14C-779	Prepare for Ditching—Parts I and II.	Stresses importance of knowing in advance exact duties of each crew member when aircraft is forced down at sea. Shows procedure during drill and under actual conditions.	(?).....	48
MA-2717 TF 1-3310	Radio Operator.....	An orientation film for aircraft radio operators giving a brief description of his training and emphasizing how it fits operators for active duty on bombardment aircraft.	6-23-43	20
MA-3172 TF 1-465	Sea Rescue Equipment for Airplane Crews—1 Man Sea Rescue.	Explains pneumatic life vest and one-man life raft. Stresses pre-flight inspection; precautions in inflating and before disengaging parachute harness from life raft.	9-17-43	13
MG-3324	Signaling Mirror.....	Describes the aiming principle, and steps in the operation of the tempered glass emergency signaling mirror (ESM/1) with the cross aiming device.	(?).....	15
TF 7-678	Snow Camping Above Timberline.	Selection of campsite affording concealment from enemy; obscuring tracks when approaching camp location; duties of squad in grading campsite and pitching tent.	1942.....	42
MA-2123 TF 7-679	Snow Camping in Timber..	How to select campsites and pitch tents in timber regions utilizing nature's resources. Illustrates proper clothing before and after exercise, cooking methods, and building fires.	1942.....	24
MA-2375 TF 1-486	Swim and Live.....	Demonstrates elementary swimming instruction and water safety methods. Depicts simple methods of staying afloat by use of clothing, barrack bags, and other equipment.	1942.....	19
MG-2063 MCG-115b-J	Swimming Through Burning Oil and Through Surf.	Swimming strokes and steps involved in escaping through burning oil surrounding a shipwrecked vessel, and do's and don't's for crossing heavy surf.	1943.....	9½
MN-16	Training Lookouts—Night Vision.	Demonstrates new methods for better night vision, stresses need for "dark adapting" eyes before going on night duty and shows techniques for conducting visual search at night.	1943.....	24

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No.1	Title	Subject	Released	Run- ning time (min- utes)
MN-042z	Troop Life Aboard Ship...	Illustrates conditions aboard ship as they appear to troops in transit. Discusses naval officers and their duties, procedure for abandoning ship and safety precautions to be observed.	1943.....	21
TF 1-3391	Your Safety Harness.....	Flight surgeon demonstrates safety precautions for pilots using safety belt and shoulder harness employing a dummy pilot simulating violent motion of a forced landing.	1944.....	18

FILM REVIEW

OUTFITS FOR ACTION (16 Mm. Running time: 35

Special suits for flying, ground crews, beachmen who planes into the water, and n the women's division who wor are featured in this Canadian training film.

Other cold-weather clothi strated are gloves, boots, fly and goggles. The personal kit is shown strapped under suit.

Correct clothing for each proper fit and durability, is ex The vast amount of technica and planning which deteri preceding factors are covered through the laboratories, wh principles are applied. Goc clothing and equipment is nec film points out, to insure benefit from the combined eff laboratory experts.

This film is in technicolor, by the RCAF Medical bran junction with the Associate C on Aviation Medical Resear National Research Council and RCAF Clothing committ

6. To receive, obey, and pass on to soldiers the spirit of the undertaking i are engaged . . .

7. To talk to no Burmans about you
8. To do those things which will wir and not spread alarm in case of disorder

9. To call upon your superiors for instruction in any situation not covere tions.

10. To evaluate the courage and the all forces and nations engaged with y country in the present undertaking, to worth according to their works and not their color, and to refrain from judging standards.

11. Be especially watchful at night.

1 Army designation:

TF—Training film.
AF—Commercial and miscellaneous training films.

Navy designation:

1st letter:

M—Motion picture.
S—Film strip.

2d letter:

A—U. S. Army.
B—British.
C—Commercial film deemed suitable for Navy training.
G—Coast Guard or Government agency other than Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Office of Education.
H—Marine Corps.
N—Made expressly for Navy training.

United Nations Central Training Film Committee designation:

TF—U. S. Army Signal Corps.
AF—U. S. Army Air Forces.
MN—U. S. Navy.
MC—Commercial (produced for U. S. Navy).
MCG—U. S. Coast Guard.
MTF—U. S. Marine Corps.
CA—Canadian Army Catalog Number.

1 Information not available.

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Dutch, Malays, or the people of French Indo-China who have no patriotism.

This does not mean that we should not be on our guard against Burmese. They have been under the rule of Great Britain for a long time and it is extremely difficult to wipe out the British-American liberalism and materialism which has seeped in within a short period of time. There are some among them who believe the anti-Azis propaganda of victory and who entertain anti-Japanese thoughts. Some of them go to the extent of anti-Japanese activities.

Particularly under British-American rule there was free intercourse with India. . . . There are a great number of British-Indians, British-Burmese or British-Chinese persons of mixed blood. Britain and America are planning on utilizing these for espionage activities or for anti-Japanese propaganda. We should have it graven in our hearts that we should be careful of espionage.

With regard to the Burmese, who are lacking in the

spirit of nationalism, who are sincere but very lazy, there is nothing more important than our goodhearted Japanese leadership in the future. By threading a path of sincere righteousness they will be won over to us and we should lead them along the path of this righteousness.

RULES OF CONDUCT

ARMY. "Your Special Orders"

1. To take charge of your health as never before in your lifetime . . .
2. To walk in Burma in a military manner, keeping always on the alert and respecting all rules and customs . . .
3. To report at once to the nearest medical station if you have risked your health . . .
4. To repeat all special warnings . . . to comrades whose sense of duty may be more distant from the spirit of the regiment than your own.
5. To quit Burma only when the distress of that country is properly relieved.

CHECK LIST OF DO'S DONT'S

ARMY

Never fool with a water buffalo.
Soldiers are not expected to go around large trees . . . some of the Burmans v objects . . .

Take off those issue shoes before Burmese pagoda or other holy place .

Work through the village headman, permission to make camp, attend a fes any other action touching Burmese lif

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PUBLICATIONS CATALOGUED

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anything in pagodas, temples or their crumbling ruins . . . to the Burman in his own language picked up a few phrases . . . run with dogs. The Burmans don't of them but they are resentful if any hits them . . .

"What the Burmese dislike

pagodas. For instance going into the Burman's shoes on or using the temple for a

harsh use made of priests. Plundering and breaking down faith in the Imperial troops during the occupation of Japan and Burma. . . . To damage one's whole life by the feeling of

the open hand, particularly in public.

HEALTH RULES

Diseases are present in Burma, but you can avoid them by following a few simple health rules. The most common fever diseases are malaria and a sandfly fever. The first two are caused by certain species of mosquitoes, the last by a sandfly. Sleep under mosquito netting and keep your arms and legs covered at dusk.

Preventive measures, relapsing fever and typhus, lice. Give yourself a frequent once-over for lice. Spread bubonic plague by biting fleas and then biting humans. The plague is fatal in direct sunlight.

Water is often contaminated with bacteria. Diarrhea is the main symptom. Do not eat raw fruits or vegetables which have been peeled or washed in unboiled water. Drink only boiled or chemically disinfected water, unless your sanitary officer okays it. Tea is a refreshing beverage in Burma. Be sure that only pure water is used to make it.

Trachoma, a disease of the eye, called trachoma, is common. It can be picked up by using unboiled water on an infected person.

—Sums Up in One Paragraph

malaria, cholera, the pest, dysentery and typhus in Burma. In the case of malaria, prevention is achieved by being careful of mosquitoes, using preventive medicines and by an examination of the body. In addition, preventative measures are taken by giving shots, by not eating raw fruits or foods, and by avoiding getting cold

GENERAL DISEASE

Take chances with your health . . . take precautions which will cut risks to a minimum. General diseases are always prevalent in Burma. They will be more so in a country where women have been used by the soldiers in any way that they pleased.

Diseases are very prevalent, and as there are so many of them one should be circumspect in his actions for the benefit of his country

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Aeronautical Materials, Spare Parts and Equipment.

It is an indexed, illustrated compilation of life rafts and equipment, with a summarized description of each item, including stock and specification numbers. This edition supersedes the preliminary edition of December 1943.

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List Of Effective Technical Orders Relating To Army Air-Sea Life Raft Equipment And Techniques Compiled In Number Order

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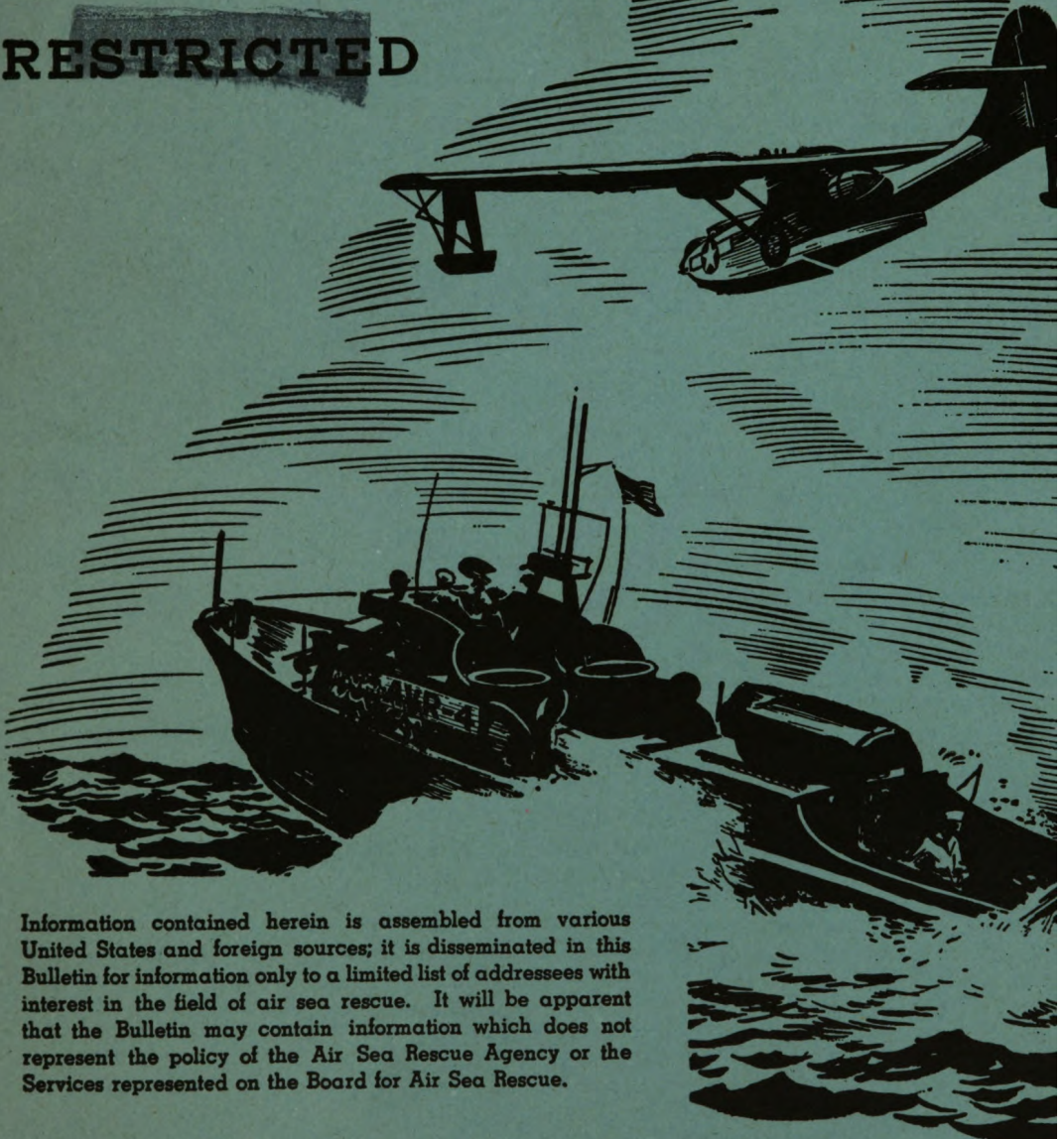
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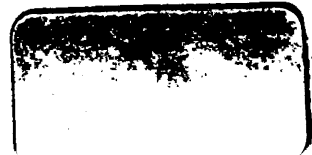
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*Open Sea
Rescue*

The back cover photograph was taken during the rescue of two airmen forced down some 100 miles off the southern California. After locating the survivors, the rescue plane landed in seas of 8 feet in order to effect the A close scrutiny of the picture will show the excellent technique employed by the pilot of the rescue plane. In to bring the survivors alongside without danger from the drops, the pilot has cut his starboard engine. To permit an approach to the survivors on a straight line and into the wind, a drogue has been streamed from the port blister. too, that a crew member stands ready at the starboard blister with a ring buoy on a heaving line to be tossed to the sa as they drift alongside

PHYSIOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF SURVIVAL AND RESCUE

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sickness remedies, life raft ra-
quirements, effects of cold on sur-
and life raft first-aid kits. Texts
reports follow:

UAL PROBLEMS OF SEARCH

following statements are tenta-
nd they are based more upon
tical considerations than upon the
ation on actual search opera-
which is now accumulating.

orted experience of rescue in the
h Channel places the optimal alti-
or finding rafts at from 800 to
feet, and for finding a man in a
cket at from 400 to 500 feet. It
be remembered that in usual vis-
sity tests the 20/20 objects or let-
re one-twelfth degree in over-all
This is all right for tests but too
for effective search. The appar-
e of the moon is one-half degree,
is a larger target than necessary
sea search. *The usual raft viewed
distance of 800 to 1,000 feet
subtend one-sixth to one-third de-
it the observer's eye. This is*

believed to be a practical target size. At
the 800-foot altitude the sea should be
searched for about a thousand yards to
starboard and port of the ship. Under
favorable conditions life rafts will prob-
ably be visible for greater distances
than 1,000 yards, but when such an
object is sighted, it is difficult to keep
it in view at a greater distance than a
thousand yards from the observer.

*A man in the sea supported by a life
jacket even under excellent conditions
of visibility is not likely to be spotted
at an altitude greater than 400 to 500
feet, and at a lateral distance greater
than 500 yards.* Under conditions of
poor visibility due to mist or decreased
illumination, as in morning or evening,
the search elevation should probably be
reduced to 500 feet when looking for
rafts, and still lower than that when
looking for single individuals supposedly
afloat at sea.

If the search is made on a clear night
and the survivors may be expected to
use lights as signals, then the prelim-
inary search should take place from an
elevation of 2,000 feet or greater and
the lateral horizontal distance covered
can of course be greatly increased over
daytime distances.

If the signaling mirror is used in the
daytime, it may be effective in attract-
ing the attention of the searching crew
at distances of 6 or 7 miles. The search-
ing crew should be alert to flash signals
but should not count too heavily on these
signals and so dispense with their own
routine visual searching methods at an
altitude of 800 to 1,000 feet.

Searching into the direct path or glare
of the sun on the sea in the daytime is
ineffective without suitable dark gog-
gles. The excessive sunlight reflected
from the water tends to blot out a small
darker area such as would be formed
by the raft. Observers should therefore
endeavor to search given areas of sea
when these are free from bright reflec-
tions of sunlight. On the contrary, the
glare of the moon on water gives a favor-
able area in which to search for an item
such as a raft.

Reports on Problems in Vision, Water, Motion Sickness, Ra- tions, Exposure, and First-Aid Kits

The variable density polaroid gog-
gles could be used by the observer who
has the glare of the sun in his particular
sector. Other sun glasses used for
searching this area should probably
have a transmission of around 10 per-
cent and should be of neutral density or
green. As far as possible it is, of course,
desirable to so arrange the path of
search as to reduce the difficulty of sun
glare especially for the nose and tail ob-
servers.

If it is true that, as sometimes re-
ported, the tail observer is more likely
than the nose observer to locate survi-
vors, this problem deserves careful
study. It may be that the nose observer,
due to limitations of vision prescribed by
the plane, tends to look too far ahead.
The raft or visual target, because of
distance and foreshortening, is there-
fore almost too small to be detected.
The tail observer from a more favorable
position in the plane may be able to look
at sea area when it is relatively near him
and the size of the visual target larger.
There is one other point that favors the
tail observer. Survivors in a raft may
be taken unawares by the rapid ap-
proach of the searching plane and not
make use of their signal devices early
enough to have them detected by the nose
observer, whereas the tail observer has
a chance of seeing these delayed signals.

If the observers have had some train-
ing and the seeing conditions are favor-
able, good visual efficiency can probably
be maintained for 2 to 3 hours. Effi-
ciency depends to a large extent on train-
ing and experience and on physical con-
ditions. The following factors may be
enumerated: (1) The glass or plastic win-
dows through which the observer views
the sea-scape should be clean and if pos-
sible free from scratches. Efforts to ob-
serve through a dirty, scratched window
bring annoyance and frustration to the

observer. (2) Familiarity with the appearance of the visual target should be sought. If an observer has never seen a raft or dinghy on the water from an altitude of 800 to 1,000 feet, or has never seen a man in the water supported with a life belt, he is at a disadvantage as a searcher in an emergency. Practice is an important factor. (3) Observers should avoid staring. They should use their eyes in a natural, comfortable manner and not suppress normal blinking. Suppression of blinking tends to produce feelings of eyestrain, smarting, and also blurring of vision. Fairly frequent head movements and changes of posture tend to relieve eyestrain. (4) The number of observers should be as large as the searching plane can accommodate. Each observer should be assigned a restricted sector to cover. Observers should be shifted, from one sector to another, at intervals of 30 minutes to 1 hour. Reducing the sector that a man is to cover will increase the chances of successful spotting. Changing position, for example, from the starboard to the port side of the plane, will tend to relieve fatigue from the after effects of the movement of the view across the visual field. (5) Intercommunication between observers during searching probably tends to increase efficiency and to reduce fatigue.

SCANNING PATTERNS

Routine scanning patterns should be used.—In general the eyes should move and pause for each 3° or 4° of lateral or vertical distance, and at such a rate as to cover about 10° per second of time. The course of the plane moves the field of view along one axis so that it is not necessary or desirable for observers to look forward and backward along the axis represented by the course. Rather the observer should explore at right angles to that axis. The positions of the nose observer and the tail observer are ideal for this purpose. The position of the waist observers are not so ideal, but their observation routine should make use of this same principle, that is, they will use mostly up and down head and eye movements as the field drifts past them. In general the observer who is searching for a raft or a man is performing a similar task to that of the proofreader. But whereas the proofreader, as a rule, hunts from left to right, and from top to bottom, the air-sea observer will hunt from left to right and from right to left alternately,

or from bottom to top and top to bottom. Spotting is much more likely to occur in an area limited by a 5° radius in all directions from the fixation point at which the eyes are focused than it is over an area represented by a 10° radius from this point. Therefore, the good observer does not jump his eyes too far between fixations, and he pauses them only briefly at each fixation. The foregoing applies to searching in daylight. If the search is being carried out at night with the expectation of finding light signals then the eyes need not pause so frequently in sweeping the visual field to the right or to the left and the observer need not so consistently limit himself to making lateral eye movements; he will now and then look ahead and look back, look far and then near. The good observer adopts a routine by which he covers his sector systematically and brings every portion of it to view in the central part of his own visual field successively at intervals of a few seconds. For example, he takes a look at the extreme right-hand side of his sector about every 3 or 4 seconds. As he moves his eyes back and forth, right and left, the fixation or focus points if plotted on the sea, would represent a series of notched diagonal lines composing a pattern like coarse saw teeth. The vertical distance separating the tips of the teeth at the right and left of this diagram should not become greater than 10°.

These recommendations are based on the expectations that the plane searching the area will go back and forth along parallel paths about 1 mile apart. After completing several such short courses the entire area would be circled and then crossed and recrossed by parallel paths in the opposite axis.

Lights and flares are the signals most easily detected at night, and reflected sunlight as from a mirror the most easily detected signal in daytime. Unfortunately these signals depend largely on the cooperation and alertness of the men who are in the raft and are hardly available to a man who is in a life jacket.

The effectiveness of various types of signals such as lights, the fluorescein block, the whistle, the emergency radio, and so on, should be assessed in terms of the reports of actual rescues.

Under favorable conditions when loss of water from the body is at a minimum and shivering does not occur, one

can survive without water for 5 days before becoming prostrated. Under unfavorable conditions 5 days will pass before succurs.

LIFE RAFT DRINKING

Under conditions of minimum loss, an individual consuming 100 grams a day of a food consisting of 50 per cent carbohydrate and up to 20 per cent protein will not become severely dehydrated in at least 8 days if supplied with 100 cc. of water a day. Given the same amount of food, a water supply of 800 cc. will provide for water needs in 10 days under these conditions. In the case of complete starvation, the requirements are slightly augmented.

It seems likely that loss may be minimized at a minimum in all ocean areas by observing the following procedures:

1. Preventing vomiting.
2. Minimizing evaporative loss by:
 - a. Refraining from unnecessary exertion.
 - b. Exposing the body, as much as possible, protected against sunburn, breeze as much as possible.
 - c. Shading the body from the sun without simultaneously cutting off the breeze.
 - d. Keeping the clothing dry and away from sea water in the daytime.

Procedures 2b through 2d should be discontinued when sensations of weakness or dizziness intervene since cold and shivering expedite exhaustion and increase the amount of water to be lost from the body sparingly.

There should be made available in all life rafts, from all sources a minimum of 800 cc. of water per man per day. The estimated maximum number of days before rescue. Rain catchment should also be provided.

As regards the proper rationing of water, uninjured individuals should drink no water the first 24 hours. Thereafter, if the supply is limited, water should be consumed at a rate of 500 cc. per man per day until the supply is exhausted. When finally exhausted, individuals can survive for several additional days, providing that they very start the survivors maintain necessary water loss from the body to a minimum by using the procedures recommended in an earlier part of this section.

biologically it is permissible to get a supply of fresh water by distilling 4 parts of fresh water with 1 part of salt water. Whether it is desirable to do this in general practice is open to question. When the supply of water is limited, it seems desirable to adhere to the ingestion of fresh water which has not been inadvertently contaminated sea water, as long as ingestion of uncontaminated water does not give rise to gastrointestinal symptoms.

Urine excreted during the first 24 hours at sea may be diluted enough to be usable water. The quantity of biologically useful water so obtained is significant, however. The possibility of causing nausea contraindicates the use of fresh water.

In the absence of vomiting, the oral administration of any fluid is more effective than any other route, such as the injection of a solution.

With regards the acceptable salt content of water obtained from desalination kits or solar stills, the evidence which is available at present indicates that gastrointestinal symptoms will not result from the ingestion of 500 to 800 cc. of water containing in each 100 cc. 1.0 gm. of the mixture of solids found in sea water. Water of this composition will prevent dehydration of the body. There are now in progress additional experiments upon this question of the biologically acceptable maximum concentration of solids in water for use by survivors.

MOTION SICKNESS REMEDIES

A number of organizations in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain have been studying motion sickness and its varieties of various kinds. The following three remedies have been shown to be effective, and there is no evidence that one is better than any of the others:

MSP (U. S. ARMY):

Atrophine SO₄, 0.32 mgm.

Hyoscine HB_r, 0.43 mgm.

Sodium amytal, 130 mgm.

(Half dose repeated in 8 hours.)

RCN (CANADIAN):

Hyoscine HB_r, 0.32 mgm.

Hyoscyamine HB_r, 0.87 mgm.

Niacin, 150 mgm.

(Half dose repeated in 8 hours.)

HYOSCINE (BRITISH):

Hyoscine HB_r, 0.65 mgm.

(Dosage repeated in 8 hours.)

Furthermore, none of these remedies can be expected to be effective every time, nor can it be predicted whether or not a given remedy will prevent seasickness in a given individual at any time. *These remedies are generally considered to be 50 percent effective; however this percentage cannot be taken as a reliable figure because the conditions producing motion sickness vary greatly from one case to the next.* These conditions include roughness of the weather, type of vessel or life raft used, the general physical condition of the subject, the type of food he has eaten, psychological conditions such as fear or excitement, etc.

Because a simple drug is more practical from the point of view of procurement than a remedy having a more complicated formula, it is felt that hyoscine is probably slightly more desirable than either of the other two mentioned. There is no evidence, however, that hyoscine is a more effective or a less effective remedy than the others.

LIFE RAFT RATIONS

Because of limitations of space, no more than a fraction of the approximately 2,000 calories per day needed by a castaway can usually be provided in an emergency ration. *A daily intake of 75 to 125 grams of a food constituted of carbohydrate and up to 20 percent fat effectively spares body water and tissue and hence should be included in raft kits.* Up to 125 grams per day of such a ration is more than its weight in water.

On the basis of the information now available and for several practical reasons it would seem inadvisable to include more than 25 percent fat in a ration for use on lifeboats and rafts. Except as a matter of palatability, protein should not be contained in an emergency ration for these craft. Addition of protein in order to increase palatability is at the expense of the more physiologically economical carbohydrate. The concentration of any flavor should be minimal and a variety of flavors should be provided, if possible. The vitamins available today merely stimulate the morale so far as castaways at sea are concerned.

EFFECTS OF COLD ON SURVIVORS

1. (a) Summary of the effects and tolerance limits of exposure to cold.

Standards are set up on the basis of

the reactions of individuals to moderate cold and to the extreme cold used in hypothermic treatments. On the basis of the normal insulating value of the body tissues the rates of cooling of subjects immersed in water are estimated for conditions in which the rate of heat production averages 1 met.* The rate of heat production which would be needed to maintain a heat balance is also indicated.

Effects of cold.—Sudden immersion in extremely cold water (below 50° F.) is very painful and may cause fainting. Fall of rectal temperature below 92° F. is accompanied by semiconsciousness and loss of memory, as well as with failure of the thermoregulating mechanisms of the body. Fall of rectal temperature below 80° F. is apt to cause death though temperatures as low as 74° F. have been recorded with survival. Cold itself does not cause shock, though shock is induced if the subject is warmed unduly rapidly. A rate below 2° F. per hour is recommended which implies warming the surface to a level only slightly above that of the rectum.

IMMERSION NUDE IN WATER AT 32° F.
Heat production needed to maintain thermal balance: 5.5 mets.*

Probable time interval to unconsciousness to fatal hypothermia: ½ hour or less.

Complications—fainting reactions, 1½ hours.

IMMERSION NUDE IN WATER AT 60° F.
Heat production needed to maintain thermal balance: 2.8 mets.*]

Probable time interval to unconsciousness: 1 hour after too fatigued to remain active.

Probable time interval to fatal hypothermia: 4 hours after too fatigued to remain active.

IMMERSION NUDE IN WATER AT 80° F.
Heat production needed to maintain thermal balance: 1.5 mets.*

Probable time interval to unconsciousness: 4 to 8 hours after too fatigued to remain active.

Probable time interval to fatal hypothermia: Indefinite; death likely to be due to secondary factors.

IMMERSION HEAVILY CLOTHED

No significant difference from the nude values.

ESCAPE OF CLOTHED INDIVIDUAL

Water retained in clothing likely to amount to at least 6 pounds. To evaporate

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*One met is defined as the amount of heat lost per hour by a lightly clothed man at a room temperature of 70° F.

LANDPLANE DITCHING

Part III—Ditching Safety in Transport Landplanes

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—The following is taken from the Landplane Ditching Staff Instruction Manual prepared by the Air Sea Rescue Agency Committee to Study Ditching Procedures. Part I, Landplane Ditching Technique, appeared in the No. 4 issue of the BULLETIN, and Part II, Factors Which Determine Ditching Characteristics, was published in the No. 5 issue. This chapter has been written as "food for thought." The committee realizes that the study of the future design of aircraft is highly controversial.]

Today the design and construction of aircraft has not achieved mechanical perfection, nor are the pilots and crews sufficiently able to master all unfavorable circumstances which they may encounter in flight. It cannot be predicted that even within another century all the hazards of air travel will have been mastered. Therefore, until such perfection can be reached, a means for increasing the safety of air passengers during ditching or crash landing must be developed.

The wealth of experience gained in this war by rescue services is already returning dividends. In the early days of the war, operational requirements of military aircraft restricted the improvements in design which would relieve ditching and crash landing hazards. In a large measure such restrictions do not apply to civil transport aircraft. The air transport services do have a fine safety record, but these services have had their losses excluding those by enemy action.

The trend toward air travel in the future is a popular topic of the day. But, this mode of travel still must be "sold" to the public. It has many attributes: (1) It is very comfortable, (2) it is fast, (3) for the first few flights at least it is an interesting experience, and (4) for the service it gives, rates are remarkably moderate. However, in relation to other forms of travel, such as automobile, train, and bus, it is, in the opinion of the ordinary man, still a hazardous means of transportation. This is because the few accidents that do occur to both civil and military transport planes are splashed across the front page of newspapers in all their lurid

detail. Such news accounts are not conducive to winning public confidence in post-war aviation.

The wartime morale of our airborne personnel has increased considerably by the successful efforts of the rescue services. Effective civilian rescue will likewise improve passengers' confidence and is a good sales talk for the safety of future transoceanic air commerce.

However, if accidents are inevitable, much can be done to make these accidents far less unpleasant without undue effort or sacrifice in pay load. Passengers must be prepared so they will act without panic in the event of a forced descent. Airlines cannot afford to intimidate their passengers, so finesse and subtlety must be used when designing gear and giving safety instructions.

The following has been written to show what preparations can be made at present and in the future when control is lost, in spite of highly efficient aircraft and flight safety regulations.

In Parts I and II of the LANDPLANE DITCHING MANUAL, ditching military aircraft in respect to handling technique, ditching drills, and design improvements compatible with operational requirements is discussed. Handling techniques for transport aircraft are identical to those for bombers; design improvements are similar but not identical, whereas ditching drills differ because the passenger element presents a more complicated problem. This chapter concerns the civil transport aircraft in particular, but obviously the conclusions drawn also apply to military air transports. It is consistently borne in mind that improvements in design and installation of safety equipment to cover ditching must not unduly prejudice pay load.

Transport aircraft ditching safety is divided into the following essentials:

1. Hydrodynamically favorable shape and strength of aircraft.
2. Installations to protect personnel against high deceleration.
3. Provision of adequate exits.
4. Provision of life-raft and other survival gear.

HYDRODYNAMICALLY FAVORABLE SHAPE AND STRENGTH

Favorable hydrodynamic streamlines of aircraft have already been discussed in relation to bombers, conclusions drawn also apply to transport aircraft. The main advantage of the transport over the bomber is the absence of vulnerable bomb bays. However, recent trend in design of the tricycle landing gear, which induces a weak hatch on the underside of the nose. At the same time, the wing extends further forward beyond the fuselage than in previous designs presents the possibility of the nose breaking off. This complicates the problem of placing passenger regions of the aircraft.

In some bombers the shape of the nose is dictated to a large extent by the presence of a nose turret and bomb window. In transport aircraft the shape of the nose can be favorably shaped hydrodynamically without aerodynamically unsound. It may be possible to approach the flying boat hull strength of about 2,000 pounds per square foot. Even boat hulls of this strength would collapse if the nose were unfavorable. In the latter shape appears more easily obtained than the required strength. An approach toward flying boat shape improves ditching characteristics. Other factors which affect ditching characteristics, such as wing strength, etc., have already been mentioned in previous chapters. In the tail wheel bomber, the bomb bay is the chief ditching danger, and in the tricycle transport the nose wheel is a most unfavorable factor.

An indication of the degree of difficulty in ditching which can be achieved in favorable design is provided by the ditching experience of the flying boat. This aircraft has many qualities which account for its being the best ditching aircraft of any present transport aircraft. It has a low, fairly thick wing; it has a weak hatch; there are no bomb bays; it does not possess undersurface escape hatches; and it has a nose which is favorably shaped hydro-

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The C-47 has proved itself an increasingly popular aircraft in civil and military transport, thus indicating that ditching qualities are not incompatible with other operational require-

ments. It is important to mention, however, that provision of passenger equipment to withstand deceleration and efficient raft stowages are absent (below). In view of the above, it can be appre-

ciated that the nose wheel doors must be made at least as strong as the surrounding structure. This will provide a reasonably sound undersurface in the vital nose region.

UNFAVORABLE NOSE SECTION

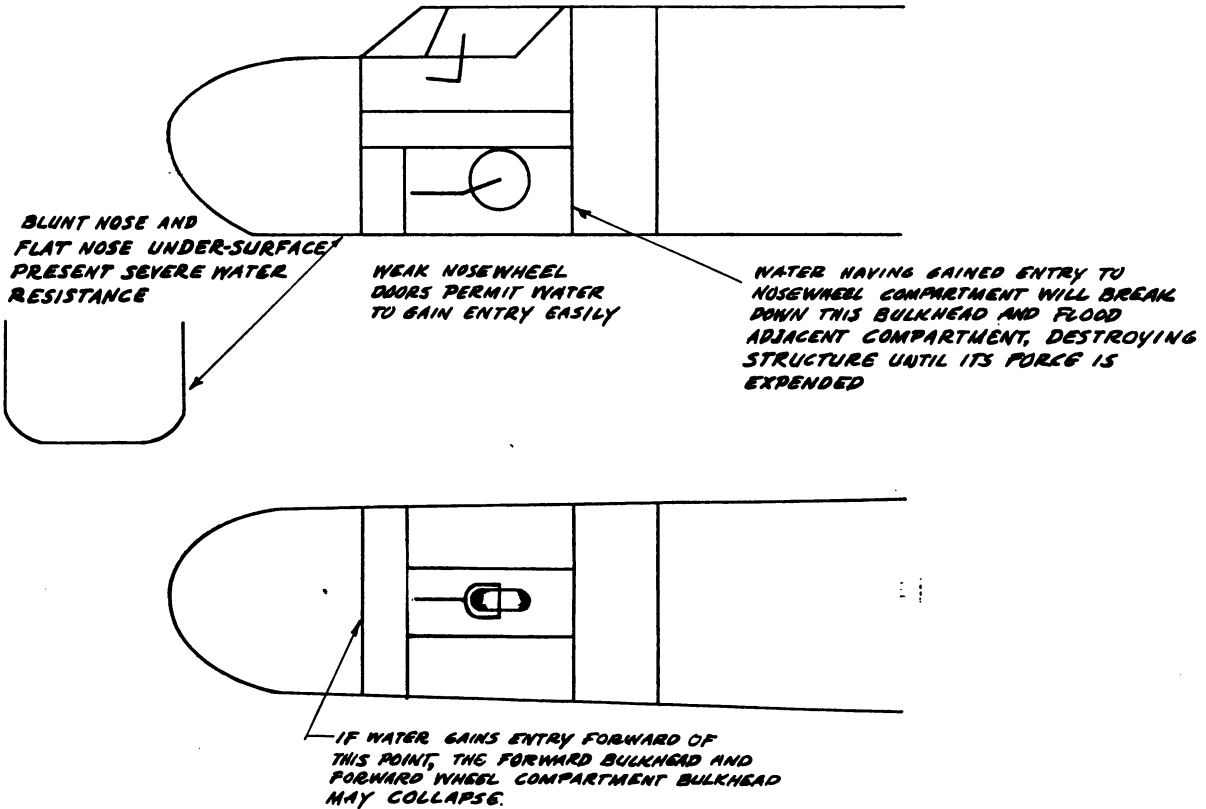


ILLUSTRATION 1

ter pressures in the region of the are not only due to the aircraft's rd speed but are greatly increased e aircraft pitches forward and the nose. The force of pitching may completely sever the nose the remainder of the fuselage, but water gains entry its great velocill initiate local breakup, which, ned with the pitching pressure, ins the likelihood of complete frac-

It is also important to realize any individual who happens to be path of such a mass of moving and debris is likely not to survive. ere the skin bends but does not

break, the loads are to some extent absorbed. However, where some strong structure suddenly terminates or where a strong bulkhead meets the skin, an acute local bending occurs, followed by fracture. Insofar as possible, strength should remain as consistent as possible throughout the length of the airframe. This factor, though elementary, has not been approached to the fullest degree in aircraft construction.

Illustration 2 shows the suggested improved nose design. Because of the oval shape of the nose, the upward forces are absorbed somewhat and transferred to side loads, and the build up of water

pressure is more gradual. The incorporation of Catalina-type nose wheel doors insures that they will not collapse at least until the remainder of the structure fails. Should failure occur, the wheel compartment aft bulkhead is faired off down to a strong athwartship member at the base of the fuselage, thus deflecting the water outward and probably increasing hydrodynamic lift and reducing resistance. It might be advantageous to carry the side walls of the wheel compartment outward to the outer edge of the fuselage, but consideration of the weight factor may make this undesirable.

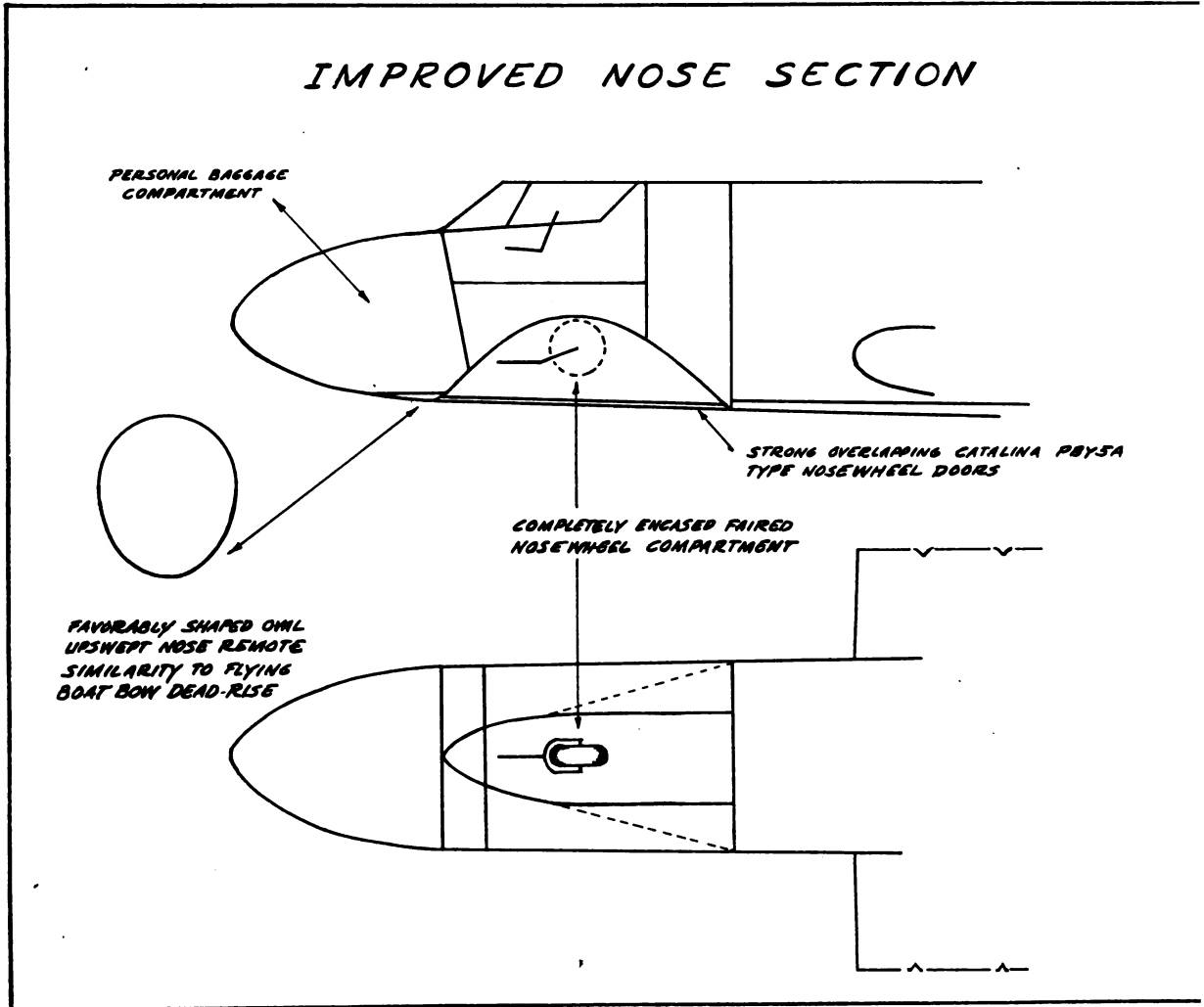


ILLUSTRATION 2

Personal baggage should be stowed in the nose compartment to provide buoyancy and to absorb water inrush resulting from nose fracture. Baggage, as opposed to heavy mail or equipment, is already normally situated in this position.

A low wing or low midwing is one of the prerequisites of a good ditching plane. The whole fuselage should be moderately curved fore and aft, culminating in an upward sweep near the nose. Fuselages should not be sharply curved as in the Hudson because no resistance to pitching is provided. Fuselages which are well streamlined like the B-17 and have relatively long noses and the center of gravity relatively close to the bottom, are extremely resistant to diving. The B-17 is a good ditching bomber; the C-47 has ditching characteristics similar to the Flying Fortress. In order to prevent rapid deceleration, it is important for the nose to

bury at as low a speed as possible.

It is indicated from operational and model test experience that breakage of the fuselage aft of the wing trailing edge has the advantage of holding the tail down thus delaying burying of the nose. Nevertheless, subsequent tail-end failures may be serious. If the tail is held down too forcibly by the water, it will increase the waterborne angle of attack and cause the nose to drop from a considerable height. It is not sensible to permit breakage in an attempt to obtain advantageous characteristics. The obvious approach to the problem is in design of the structure aft of the CG to prevent bouncing off and yet not to hold the rear end down too forcibly.

The indications are that an oval fuselage terminating in a deep, narrow, moderately upswept tail-end is the most favorable shape. The narrowness permits the tail to run through the water without tending to bury the nose. The

horizontal stabilizer should be as possible. If the whole rear end is upswept, it delays the moment at which the tail will strike. The point of primary impact appears a few feet aft of the wing trailing edge. It is fortunate that the optimum of the rear end is a narrow oval. The recommended nose shape is shown in Illustration 2. This permits over-all consistency in fuselage design, which is not desirable aerodynamically nor economical for best utilization of fuselage accommodation.

INSTALLATIONS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST HIGH DECELERATION

Any improvements for the protection of passengers against deceleration during ditching or crash landing should not prejudice first-class passenger accommodations and comfort of flight. This is a commercial necessity.

COMMITTEE STUDIES PAINT DESIGN FOR RESCUE FACILITIES

Adoption of a standard paint design for rescue aircraft and boats has been undertaken by the Air Sea Rescue Agency Committee to Study Adequate Air Sea Rescue Facilities. The paint design for rescue aircraft has recently been agreed upon by the committee and now is being forwarded to the several services for further action. No conclusion has been reached as yet on the boat design. Tests for visibility of the proposed aircraft markings have been conducted by the committee and personnel of the Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City, N. C.

The proposed markings are for use on rescue aircraft and boats operating within the continental limits of the United States and rear areas of the combat zones. There has been a need for easy recognition of a rescue plane at a distance and from the air and water and for exact identification for on-scene operations. Immediate identification will greatly help plane-to-boat and boat-to-plane operations when carrying out a rescue mission.

der of the crew should find suitable ditching and crash landing stations against bulkheads, paying particular attention to the location of cargo which may break loose.

PROVISION OF ADEQUATE EXITS FOR PASSENGERS AND CREW

In present aircraft the normal side entrance serves as one ditching exit for the passengers and crew while the pilot's upper escape hatch provides egress for the pilots. The emergency side hatches are usually somewhat lower than appears advisable since the exit should be opened before ditching. In C-47 and C-54 transports the rafts are launched from the rear door which is also the passenger exit. Usually passengers will require assistance to board the rafts, so delay is inevitable. For a brief period the crew will be occupied launching the rafts and emergency gear and, therefore, they will not be able to assist passengers immediately following the crash. Furthermore, should the aircraft float even slightly tail up the passengers will have difficulty disembarking, and in some cases

may have to slide down ropes to reach the rafts.

Ditching safety in transport aircraft necessarily involves consideration of the less physically capable passengers—the aged, bulky men and women, and individuals otherwise handicapped. Even physically fit personnel find it hard to stand up when unused to movement afloat. Some passengers may not be able to slide down ropes. In planning exits, these factors should be considered because in spite of ideally situated exits the crew will have their hands more than full launching rafts and assisting passengers.

In low wing aircraft, the wing provides a good launching platform. Exits should be so arranged that the majority of passengers can emerge from the fuselage onto the wing. Fuselage exits should not be too high because those of low physique will be incapable of emerging. In view of the fact that there is a limit to the number of hatches which can be provided to maintain structural strength, the side door, if not too far aft, must be accepted as one ditching exit.

PROVISION OF LIFE RAFT EQUIPMENT

The location of life rafts and emergency equipment aboard the plane is of paramount importance. Experience has proved that crews are seldom able to transfer all the required gear from the fuselage to the raft. This prejudices their chances of subsequent rescue. As a governing principle in military aircraft, crews should have no other duties when abandoning the plane than looking after themselves and their incapacitated crewmen. They should not need to transfer equipment from the plane to the raft. In transport aircraft this factor is more important because crews have the great responsibility of assisting men, women, and children who, unlike military crews have never had continual ditching drill practice.

The answer is simple. The aim must be to have the life rafts automatically ejected with all the equipment fastened to the floor of the raft. This aim has been achieved to some extent by both the British and the Americans.

Life-raft stowages may be located in the inboard wing trailing edge, or farther forward if desired, and in the fuse-

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passenger aircraft it is advantageous to use seats to be used as ditching seats. This reduces passenger movement prior to ditching and assists in maintaining a fairly calm state of mind among the passengers. Wherever seats are used as ditching stations they should be strengthened to withstand the deceleration occurring on impact. Attachments and the airframe structure to which they are secured must be strengthened.

Questionably the best position for a passenger to assume during ditching is to sit in the passenger seat facing forward. In this position, only a lap belt is required, and providing the seat is sufficiently strengthened, the passenger assumes an attitude which in operational experience has proved to be the best. Ideally seats should be facing forward permanently. If it is considered desirable for passengers continually to ditch during normal flight, the only alternative is to provide reversible seats. This can be done without detracting from the comfort or adding unduly to the weight.

The back of the seat should be mounted on a pivot at its base and the front of the seat would serve as a channel which lugs, secured to the back, would run. In this way the seat could be easily reversed and adjusted for the ditching attitude. Whatever measure is taken, it must be such that the passenger's state of mind is not unduly disturbed in preparation for an emergency. In most transports are good ditching seats, such steps may not be necessary.

In present aircraft the use of shoulder harnesses and ditching belts for passengers would serve a useful purpose pending the introduction of ideal crash-ditching seats. It is worth while to note that if transport passenger seats had been previously installed permanently facing aft and suitably strengthened, casualties in crashes on land and water would definitely have been decreased.

Other internal installations should be strengthened so that they will not break and cause injury on impact. Suitcases and gear for rapidly jettisoning cargo should be strengthened.

Seats should be equipped with harnesses attached to suitably strengthened seats (or the airframe), and the cockpit should be designed with no protrusions as possible to avoid injury on impact. The remain-



COAST GUARD METHODS

of

Dropping Airborne Equipment to Survivors

FOREWORD

1. This article is intended to:

(a) Give **PROCEDURE** used by Coast Guard Air Sea Rescue Units after sighting survivors.

(b) List **EQUIPMENT** in use at present by Coast Guard Air Sea Rescue Units.

(c) Give specific **METHODS** used by Coast Guard Air Sea Rescue Units in dropping the various items of equipment. The methods described check closely

with those recommended in the Service Bulletins and Technical

2. Since this article is concerned primarily with the use of mostly of the droppable type and communication procedure discussed in detail.



EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES



PROCEDURE

searching for survivors, fly at based upon following facts, if

if survivors without raft or dye fly below 500 feet.

if survivors in raft, but without marker or signaling equipment, fly to 1,000 feet.

if survivors have dye marker, fly to 2,500 feet.

if survivors have signaling equipment/or radar reflector, fly at 1,000 feet.

figures are based on the best sightings for the various situations noted. If none of the above information is known, 500-foot altitude is considered best for searching. In any search altitude also must be limited

to range of effective visibility.

2. When searching have all observation positions manned and when survivors are reported by any lookout, immediately drop drift signal, note plane heading, and apply relative bearing of survivors to obtain true bearing of survivors from these position markers, for use in relocating survivors. Dye marker should not be dropped at this time as it may be some distance from actual position of survivors and thereby result in misleading other searching aircraft.

3. Once survivors are seen by pilot, fly directly toward survivors, keeping survivors always in sight. Switch on emergency IFF equipment.

4. On first pass above survivors mark exact position by dropping drift signal and dye marker directly alongside or slightly downwind of survivors. (If survivors are in raft, they will drift

toward these markers.)

5. If survivors are without a life raft, make second pass and drop life raft directly upwind of survivors. (Life raft then will drift to survivors.)

6. Remain on scene to orbit as long as possible, while communications are carried out, position reported, and rescue effected. Before leaving, for whatever reason, switch off emergency IFF equipment.

7. If near nightfall or if forced to leave scene without being relieved, drop Aircraft Signaling Kit plus electric Floating Lantern and/or Carbide Water Light; also, "Gibson Girl," if available.

8. If survivors cannot be saved promptly, drop Aircraft Ration Kit or more complete Shipwreck Kit.

9. If apparent that rescue will be delayed, drop Lindholme Gear or equivalent.



EQUIPMENT

Signal, Drift, Mark 4. BuOrd item. Number of units: 1 each. Weight: 2 pounds.

Contents: Powder which burns to emit smoke and flame.

Purpose: Position marker of 3 to 4 minutes duration.

(b) Signal, Drift, Mark 5. BuOrd item. Number of units: 1 each. Weight: 2

pounds.

Contents: Powder which burns to emit smoke and flame.

Purpose: Position marker of 15 minutes duration. (See pictures col. 1, page 11.)

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2. Marker, Dye, Sea. BuAer #R37-P25 or R83-M-106500.

Number of units: 1 packet, one can.
Weight: 1 pound (or 1 can).

Contents: Fluorescein dye marker.

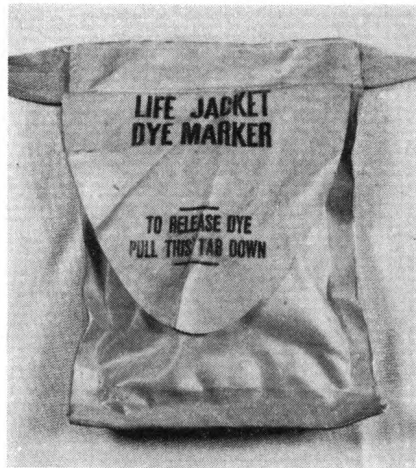
Purpose: To provide colored slick to mark position in the water for a period of at least one-half hour.

3. Light, Carbide, Life Ring. BuOrd Night Marker Mark 1.

Number of units: 1 can. Weight: 6 pounds.

Contents: Calcium carbide for burning in contact with water.

Purpose: To burn with a bright flame to mark position for approximately 5 hours; visible 15 miles.



4. Lantern, Floating. BuAer #17-I-7495.
Number of units: 1 each. Weight: 3 pounds.

Contents: Bulb and batteries for providing electric light.

Purpose: To mark position for 22 hours or longer; visible 3 miles. →

5. (a) Raft, Pneumatic Droppable, Mark 2. BuAer #R83-R-15510.

Number of units: 1 case. Weight: 55 pounds.

Contents: Raft, survival supplies, food and water.

Purpose: To provide vessel for two survivors in water.

- (b) Raft, Pneumatic Droppable, Mark 4. BuAer #R83-R-15530.

Number of units: 1 case. Weight: 82 pounds.

Contents: Raft, survival supplies, food and water.

Purpose: To provide vessel for four survivors in water.

- (c) Raft, Pneumatic Droppable, Mark 7. BuAer #R83-R-15570.

Number of units: 1 case. Weight: 112 pounds.

Contents: Raft, survival supplies, food and water.

Purpose: To provide vessel for seven survivors in water.

See pictures pneumatic droppable life rafts Mark 2 and Mark 4 on page 12.

See picture pneumatic droppable raft Mark 7 on page 13.



6. Kit, Signaling (ADS-1). BuAer #R83-K-709970.

Number of units: 1 case. Weight: 10 pounds.

Contents: Flashlight, flares, smoke hand signal, mirror, dye marker.

Purpose: To provide survivors with means of signaling.

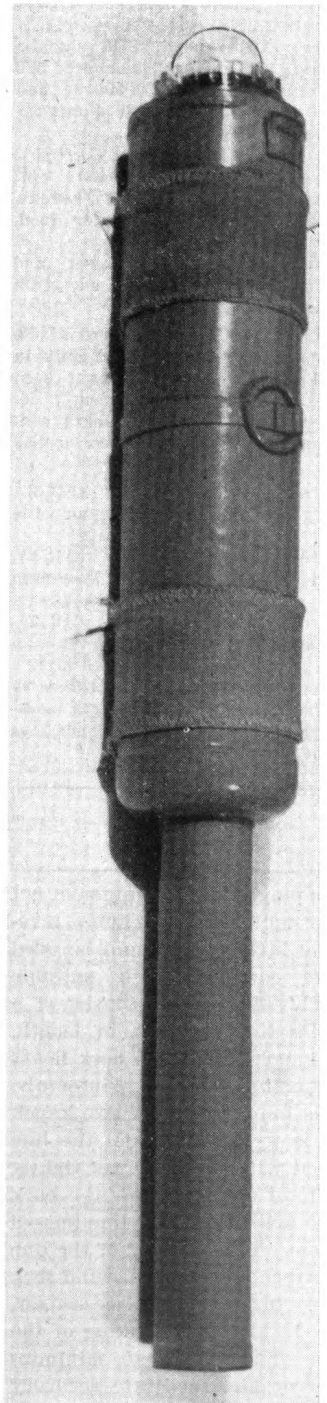
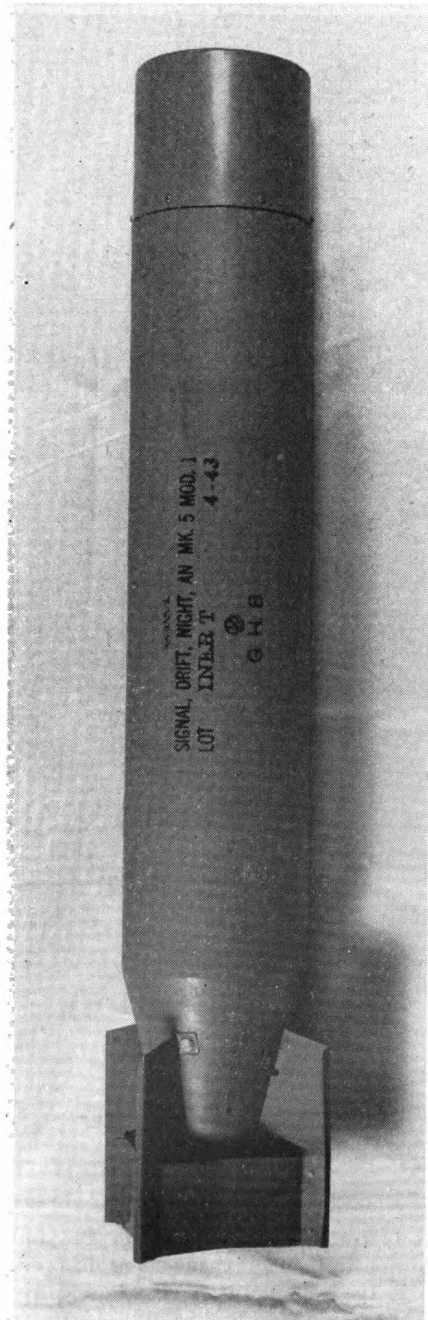
7. Aircraft Droppable Ration K. BuAer #R83-K-709980.

Number of units: 1 case. pounds.

Contents: Solar drinking canned water, Permuti

Purpose: To provide ra and additional drinking ply for survivors.

8. Aircraft Shipwreck Kit (M5). BuAer #R83-K-710400.



FLOATING LANTERN

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umber of units: 1 case. Weight: 70 pounds.

Contents: Survival equipment, food, and water.

Purpose: To provide essential equipment for survivors.

Transmitter Assembly (SCR-578-b). Ser #R16-D-9169.

"Lindholme Girl." Weight: 40 pounds.

umber of units: 1 case with parachute.

Contents: Radio transmitter, kite, balloons, antenna and accessories; signaling light.

Purpose: To transmit SOS signals, homing signal (earlier models 500 kc. only; later models, 500 kc. and 8280 kc.). To furnish light for visual signals.

Lindholme Rescue Dinghy Gear (British).

umber of units: 5 cases with connecting lines. Weight: 212 pounds.

Contents: 15-man life raft, food, clothing, and medicine.

Purpose: To provide vessel and abundant supplies for survivors when rescue is delayed.

—Lindholme Gear has been available United States Coast Guard only in limited quantities, and has not been the other Services. Recently defined United States Navy equivalents, composed of multiple unit assemblies, are as

Airborne Rescue Assembly (AR-2).

Weight: 195 pounds. Two-man life raft and two shipwreck kits.

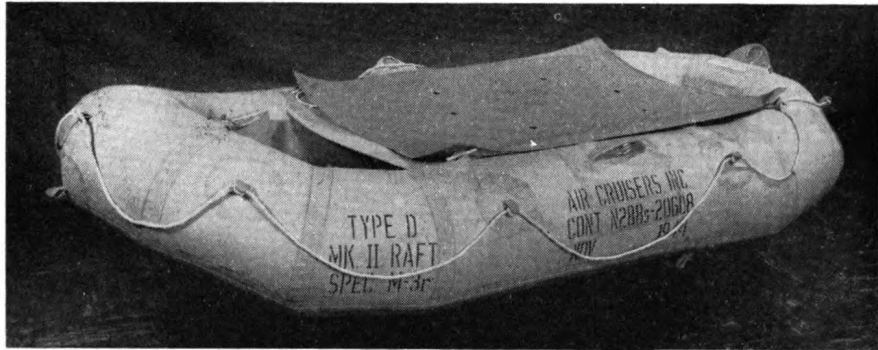
Airborne Rescue Assembly (AR-4).

Weight: 222 pounds. Four-man life raft and two shipwreck kits.

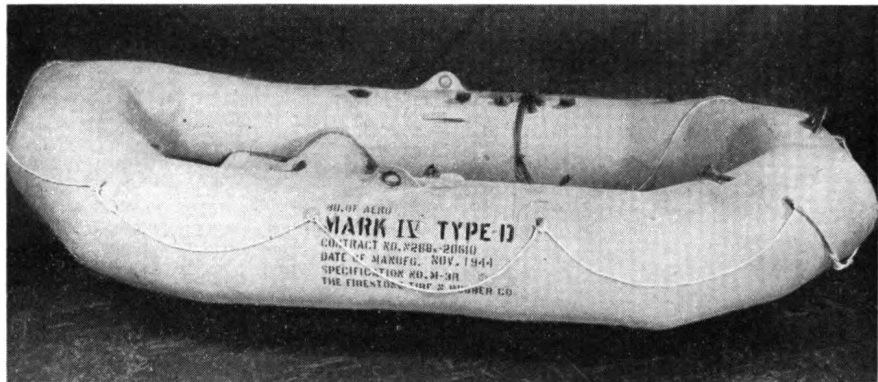
Airborne Rescue Assembly (AR-7).

Weight: 392 pounds. Seven-man life raft and four shipwreck kits.

These consist of regular stock life rafts and shipwreck kits with containers modified for dropping from airplane bomb bays and fastened together by lines.



USN PNEUMATIC DROPPABLE RAFT MARK 2



USN PNEUMATIC DROPPABLE RAFT MARK 4



METHODS

When dropping survivor equipment not normally equipped with chutes, a regular line invariably should be used. The raft equipped with suitable equipment. This line should consist of a manila line 150 feet in length, with kapok sections of cork floats approximately 10-foot intervals. The line is improvised. Where kapok is used, it is wrapped around the line and fastened with strip canvas tightly.

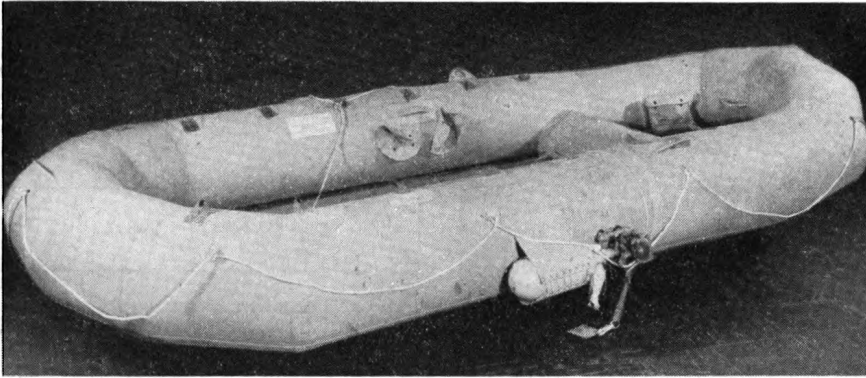
Where cork is used, the cork floats are drilled and the line passed through them. The trail end of the line is attached to a small wind sock (see Figure 1) to reduce kinking of the line. This line is used to minimize error and facilitate recovery of equipment, since any survivor who can

reach the line can pull equipment to himself. The line is carried coiled up in the airplane before use. During drop,

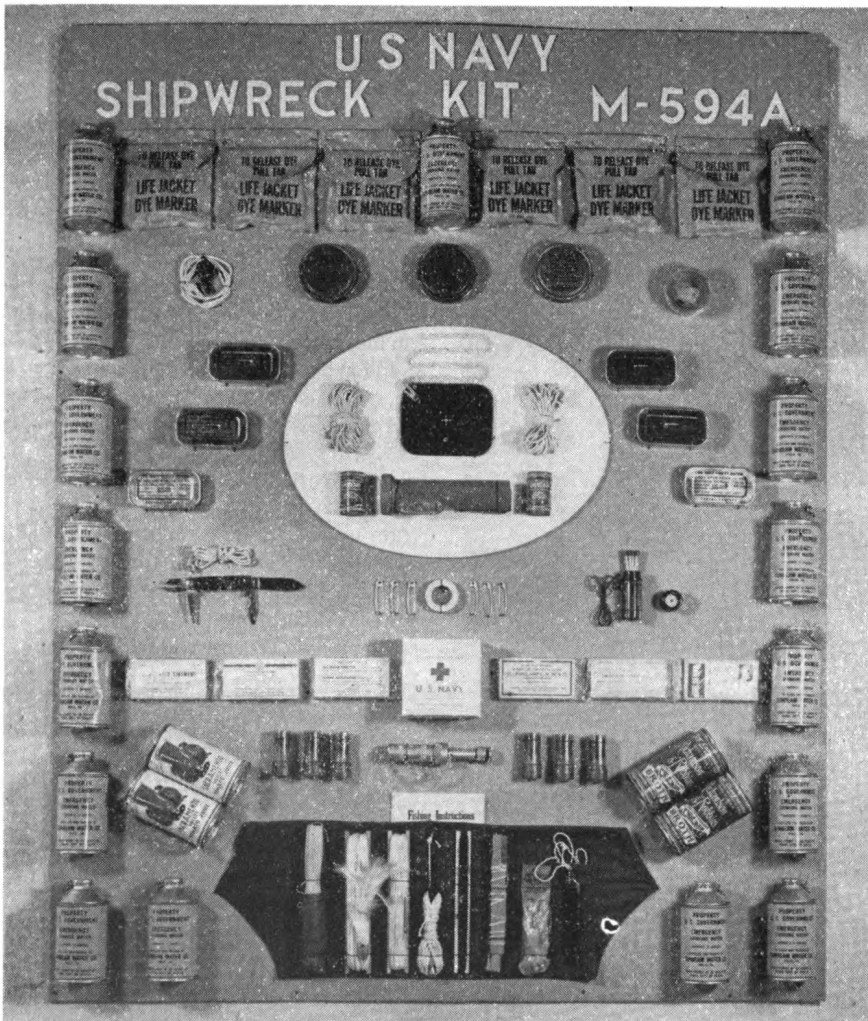
it is trailed out, attached to and followed by the equipment being dropped.

2. In dropping drift signals and dye

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USN PNEUMATIC DROPPABLE RAFT MARK 7



marker from cockpit type airplane, drop overboard by hand. In dropping drift signals and dye marker from cabin-type airplanes, it is recommended that these items be dropped from flare chute by use of flare release. (In some aircraft it will be necessary to relieve spring tension on the release mechanism.) Drift signals, Mark 4 and 5, should be

dropped from an altitude of not less than 100 feet to assure operation. To facilitate functioning from this low altitude, the paraffin disk in the nose must be cut away prior to loading. (Drift signal, Mark 6, now being developed, will have a pull-type igniter and will function from any altitude.) Dye marker dropped in this manner should

be carried in small paper 1 will break on striking the w minimum powder can be mixed marker to improve sighting istics.

3. In dropping carbide lig the seal and drop overboard low altitude.

4. In dropping the float lantern, drop overboard, lens any low altitude. Electrical made automatically by merc which functions when light r in the water.

5. All life rafts dropped to swimming in the water dropped directly upwind of survivors by aircraft flying di the wind at approximately 10 tude, to allow time for infla enables survivors to obtain l permitting it to drift down u that is, the life raft will dr rather than away from the In dropping life rafts from type airplane, drop a self-inf by hand, preferably by use of or from the bomb bay.

6. After survivors are in lif equipment dropped to them dropped directly alongside of them by aircraft flying int with the use of retrieving li possible. This will enable th to drift or row downwind r into the wind to recover This procedure applies parti signaling kit, ration kit, and kit, which are dropped ove hand from any low altitude.

7. In dropping the "Gibson into the wind at 300 to 500 tude at minimum speed and position directly over surviv equipment is dropped from a airplane and descends by pa leased by static line; forw will be equalized approxi downwind drift during descen

8. In dropping Lindholm Dinghy Gear or Airborne Res bles (see picture on page 16) wind at approximately 100 fe at minimum speed, and drop from bomb bay by use of inte in a long spread slightly do survivors. The containers of holme Gear are fastened by yards long (maximum sp yards). Lindholme Gear is to function automatically upon sion in water; the life raft in sea drogues are released fro

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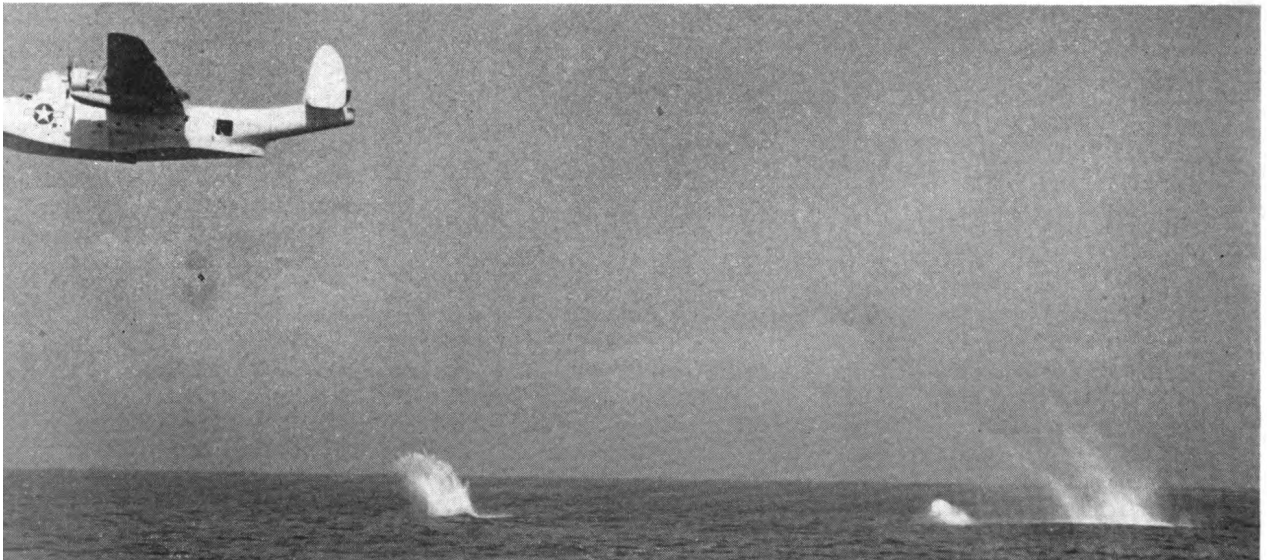


tainers. The containers of the Airborne Rescue Assembly are fastened by lines 35 yards long (maximum speed, 70 yards for AR-2 and AR-4; 140 yards for AR-7). These assemblies must be opened manually.

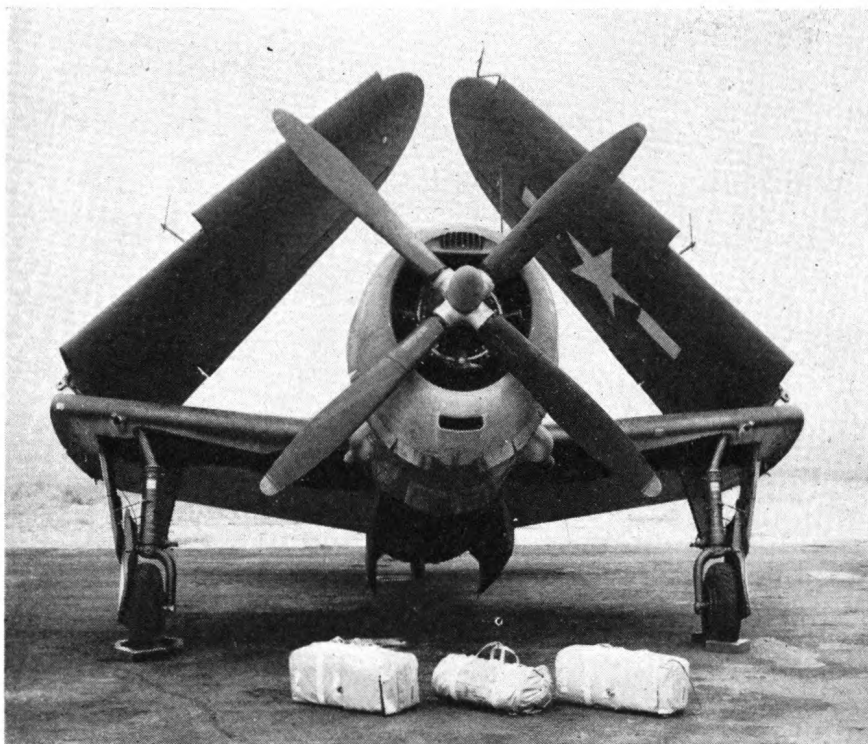
NOTES

(A) In making drops, always fly into the wind, except in case of Lindholme Gear and Airborne Rescue Assemblies fly crosswind. Position for point of drop will depend directly upon speed and altitude. Greater accuracy in dropping equipment will result from use of constant speeds and altitudes in all dropping operations. All equipment should be dropped at minimum speed and from lowest permissible altitude to assure its landing close aboard survivors and to minimize possibility of destruction upon impact.

(B) Accurate dropping of equipment from aircraft depends on practice. The differences in weight and bulk of the various droppable equipments give varying characteristics to their trajectories. Trial drops with the different types of equipment will aid in the development of "seaman's eye." Always aim at survivors with the intention of landing equipment directly alongside. Where error occurs, "shorts" (where equipment falls downwind) are preferable to "overs" (where equipment falls upwind), except in case of life rafts, which must always be dropped upwind. Small



DROPPING MULTIPLE UNIT ASSEMBLY



USN AIRBORNE RESCUE ASSEMBLY (AR-2)

BRITISH LINDHOLME RESCUE DINGHY
(One part of multiple unit assembly)

errors in range generally will be compensated for by the retrieving line.

(C) In dropping equipment from crew-manned aircraft, coordination between conning pilot and crewmen must

be effected to attain proper timing of drops. Pilot should use interphone system to keep crew informed in advance of what equipment will be dropped and when. After designating a particular

CORNER REFLECTOR ASSIST IN SEARCH FOR RUBBER RAFT

Recently a new device has been developed which will enable radar search planes to locate life rafts at greater distances than heretofore possible. This device, known as a corner reflector, increases the range of radar detection because it has the property of reflecting back to the source a portion of the radar energy upon it.

The actual operation consists of erecting the reflector on the raft. There are no tubes, batteries, and no cables—just a lightweight umbrella-like contraption composed of three reflecting planes of metal mesh that intersect each other at right angles. The loose metal mesh is chosen because of its corrosion-resistant properties (will withstand the salt water for from 30 to 60 days) because the loose mesh reduces weight.

Two models are being produced: the MX-137/A and the MX-138/A. The MX-137/A is for single and multiplace rafts respectively. The two are very similar in design, but it proved necessary to produce them differently because of the structural requirements in the different rafts. The MX-138/A reflector is designed to fit in the center shaft of the multi-place raft; the MX-137/A is a collapsible mast as part of reflector.

It is suggested that all flying squadrons make it their business to check where the reflectors are to be used on rafts and raft packs—and how to use them. Certainly a device which makes rafts "visible" at substantial distances regardless of actual visibility is welcome news and makes every equipped plane a potential life preserver.

It is anticipated that the reflector for the multiplace raft, MX-138/A, will be available in 1945; and the one-man raft, MX-137/A, about the same time.

As an item of equipment, pilot should issue necessary commands in sequence. Typical illustration follows:

PILOT: Prepare to drop 4-man raft (5 minutes before dropping)
CREWMAN: Ready to drop 4-man raft.

Pay out retrieving line (2 to 3 feet before dropping).

MAN: Line out and clear.

Stand by (when starting run).

MAN: Stand by.

Drop (when in position).

MAN: Raft dropped and clear.

When airplane is equipped with a hatch, as in patrol seaplanes, a raft generally can be dropped best from this hatch. This is particularly true where retrieving lines are being used. (See other pictures accompanying this article on this page and on page 13.)

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When in water and dry the clothing is required, i. e., the rate of heat loss would have to be doubled for 24 hours or tripled for 16 hours. Conditions are much improved if water evaporation is hindered or prevented by use of a waterproof apron in dinghy (as in type K) or by exposure suit. If an exposure suit is worn before immersion, clothing remains dry when in water at 32° F.: Heat production needed to maintain thermal balance less than 1000 calories. Probable time interval to unconsciousness indefinite—days. Probable time interval to fatal hypothermia 3 to 5 days.

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

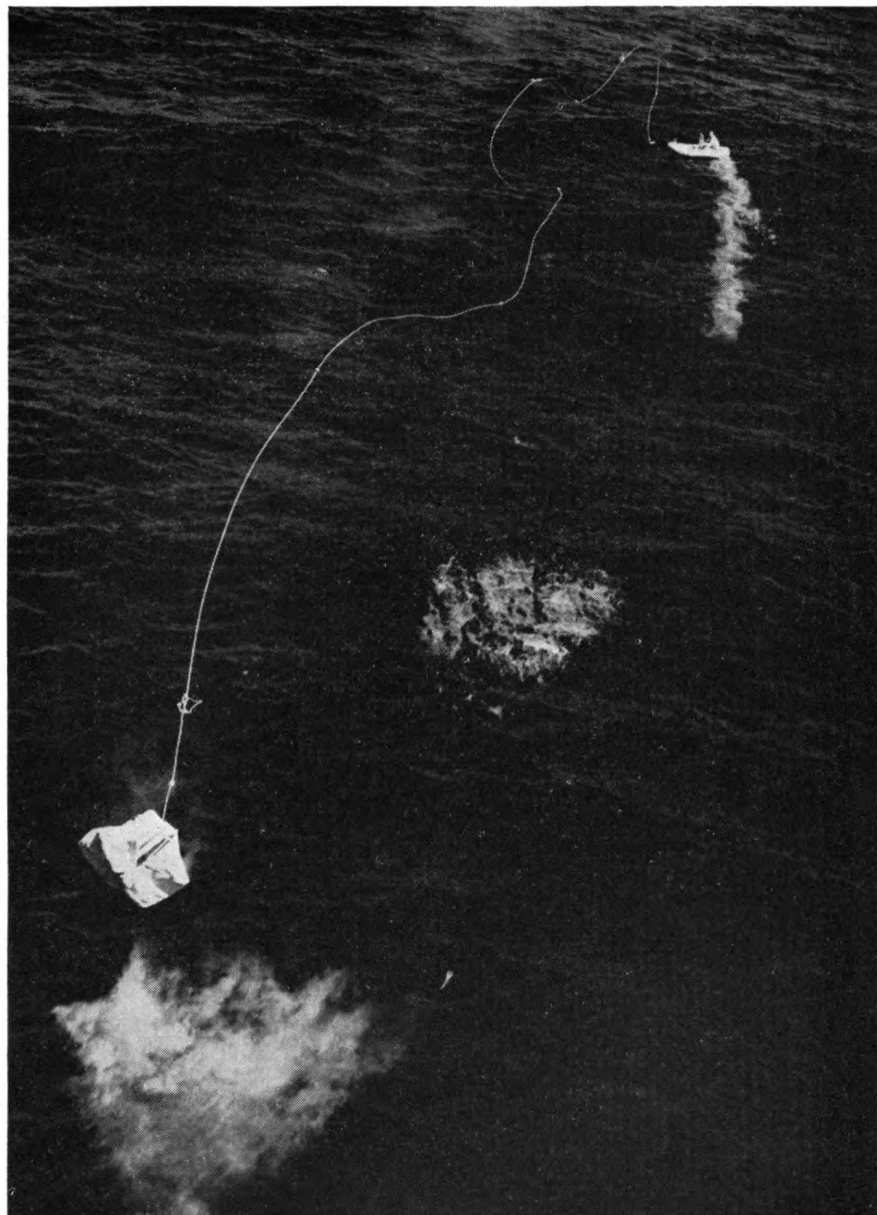
Rescue operations must be slow after severe exposure. Life jackets should provide support to take care of unconscious living survivors.

AIRCRAFT EXPOSURE SUITS

Exposure suits for aircraft are still in development in the United States. It is possible that one type of suit will be used by fighter pilots and another by crew members.

NIGHT TROPIC TEMPERATURES

Exposure to night cold as a threat to survival in the tropics is not very serious. The castaway has retained his clothing which was worn when his plane was forced down. Presumably, this will consist of underwear and a light flying suit. The air and water temperatures in the southwest Pacific rarely fall below 60° F. Experience shows that an



DROPPABLE LIFE RAFT DELIVERY

By rescue plane as described on page 13. The raft is inflating during descent. Note retrieving line and smoke from drift signal.

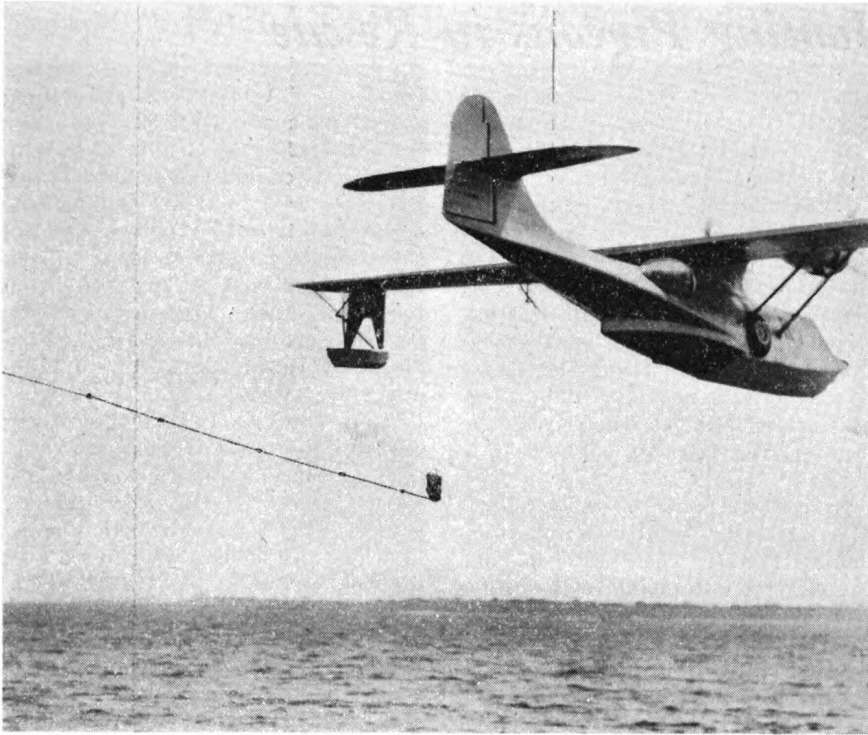
individual whose clothing is wet is definitely chilly at temperatures in the range of 80°. If his clothing is fairly dry or if he has protection such as a poncho or tarpaulin, he remains fairly comfortable.

(d) IMMERSION FOOT

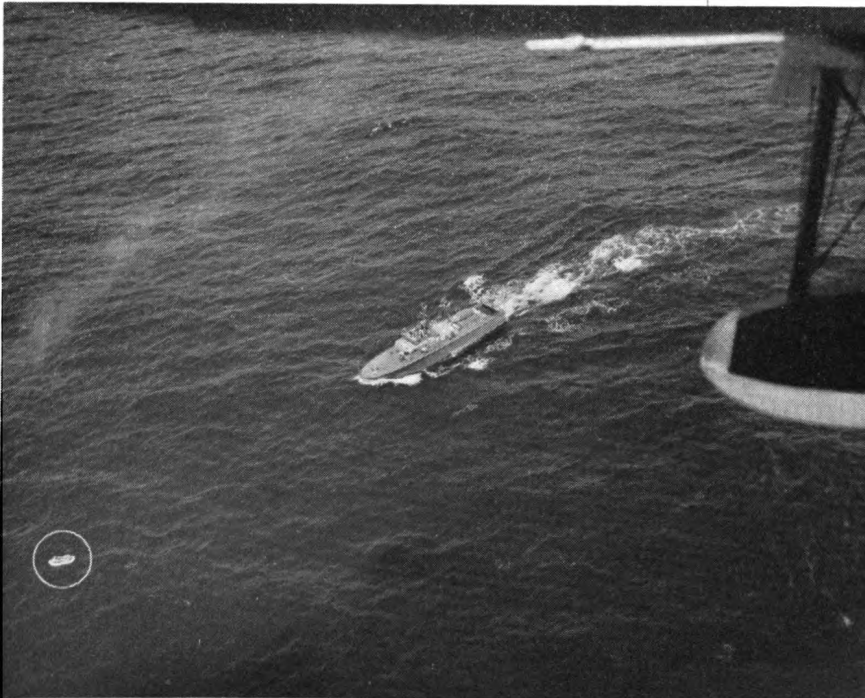
It is believed that cold is the principal factor in the causation of immersion foot and that wetness is a factor only insofar as this causes cooling. These beliefs are strongly supported by the

evidence given by these authors. It is also likely that prolonged maintenance of the sitting posture is a contributory factor, since this is capable of producing injury even in the absence of wetness and extreme cold.

Preventive measures aim at removing these primary causes. Feet should be kept as warm as possible since injury occurs more rapidly and is more severe the colder the feet. Even a small amount of local insulation is of value



DROPPABLE SHIPWRECK KIT
Descending from tunnel hatch of rescue plane



RESCUE BOAT
Approaching survivors in life raft (circled) to effect rescue as a rescue plane circles overhead.
Note smoke from drift signal.

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though the conditions are such that the body is cold. For example, a thickness of cellular rubber (or cellular sponge rubber) is sufficient to protect feet immersed in water for at least 30 hours under these conditions. However, ordinary rubber loses its insulative value when it comes wet. Possibly footgear protected by waterproof envelope these might be punctured and water might otherwise gain access. Insulation that is unaffected by water, e. g., cellular rubber, seems desirable. Local heating is an important factor that might be considered. This could be harmful to feet if injured. Keeping the feet out of the water would be of benefit if the feet were thereby exposed to a strong wind.

Maintaining body warmth is important greatly in keeping the feet warm. A quantity of insulation which would keep feet immersed in ice water at 54° F. when subjects are near the freezing point is sufficient to keep them at a considerably higher temperature when the subjects are cold. Exposure suits, in addition to heavy clothing, would be necessary to keep the body warm in the event of immersion foot occurrence and food would be of primary value.

Local exercise of feet has been recommended as a prophylactic measure. Repeated strong flexion and extension of the toes does increase the temperature of feet immersed in ice water. This also aids in the removal of edema. However, abrasion and blisters might result from friction; foot exercise should be beneficial.

Measures to avoid interference with circulation should be taken. Protection against large blood vessels by icing or other sources is to be avoided. Shoes should be removed when they become tight. Feet should be kept warm if they are not consequently exposed to colder conditions. While trousers are believed to be superior to those designed to keep the feet warm they may minimize the severe damage caused by cold.

No local or general medical treatment has been proved to be of value in

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Use of Homing Pigeons in Rescue

g pigeons have been successful in delivering messages in some emergencies where they have been used, and lots who know of their value among the equipment of their Bombers in combat have carried flocks of these hardy birds to supplement damaged or lost radio equipment. If the plane is forced down in mountainous territory, or it is necessary to reach the ocean. In cases where radio communication must be maintained, they have proved an auxiliary communication, simple and efficient.

In temporary warfare in some instances has succeeded in not only replacing the use of this old and accepted method of communication but also in increasing its dependability. In World War I almost a million pigeons were used and 90 percent of all messages sent by this means are reported delivered. In the present war, they have been used to facilitate the rescue of air personnel who have been forced down either on land or at sea, in addition to carrying messages.

The first account on record where pigeons aided in the rescue of the crew of a downed plane occurred in 1851 when several search planes were

sent to look for a plane lost near the Mexican border. Because of engine trouble, one of the search planes was forced to land in mountainous territory near Douglas, Ariz., far from habitation. By good fortune a basket of pigeons was included in the plane's equipment, and these were promptly dispatched carrying messages of the approximate location, supplies, and plane parts needed to make the plane flyable. In 3 hours the pigeons arrived with the messages, and a plane was sent to drop the equipment. The crew repaired their ship and returned to Douglas.

Pigeons have been used successfully as a rescue aid by the British and Canadian Air Forces. Their use is optional. The story of a dramatic rescue of five R. A. F. men forced down 63 miles out in the North Sea after a battle with a Messerschmitt will illustrate the reason for the popularity of feathered messenger service. The plane had plunged before the wireless operator could send through an SOS. The plane remained afloat only 90 seconds—time to get the raft inflated and climb aboard. Fortunately the signalman remembered the tin container of pigeons which was their one hope of speedy communication with

home base. A crudely scrawled message giving approximate location of the bobbing craft was quickly inserted in the message capsule and an instant later the bird was "tossed." Quickly she spiraled up into the sky, then streaked a beeline for the British Isles. Ninety minutes later the bell rang at a loft on the northeastern English coast—the pigeonier obtained the message and immediately called the SOS into headquarters. Two minutes later the wireless operator of an offshore destroyer received the same message and less than 12 hours after releasing the bird the five men saw the prow of a friendly warship loom out of the fog and stand by while rope ladders were tossed over the side.

The homing pigeon is a highly bred bird combining characteristics of intelligence, strength, reliability, and speed. It may be almost any color—red, blue, gray, white, checkered—but the homing instinct is characteristic of them all.

Training starts when the bird is no more than a few days old. The "settling" process, during which the bird learns to regard the loft as its home, requires patience and careful handling. When the bird is about 4 to 6 weeks old, it is released late in the evening before feeding. It returns to the nest promptly both for food and to avoid flying in the darkness. As its education progresses it is allowed more flying time until ready for the trial which is a test of its innate homing instinct. It is taken a distance from the loft and allowed to return.

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on foot. Petrolatum or other substances have been advocated for local use, but their value remains in doubt.

IMMERSION FOOT CARE

Prevention of injuries should be prevented by keeping the footgear dry and the feet as dry as possible. If the feet swell, and the shoes become tight, they should be removed and the feet wrapped in any clean cloth or rags. The feet should be kept dry and blisters should not be allowed to form. Pressure upon the feet should be avoided by supporting the legs above the knees in a horizontal position. On being rescued or on reaching land the feet with immersion foot should not be rubbed; the feet should be kept dry. The survivor should remain off his feet, if possible, until the blisters, numbness and pain have disappeared.

LIFE RAFT FIRST AID KITS

One recently suggested and seemingly compact and useful life raft first-aid kit contains:

<i>Bandage, gauze, compress, 4 by 4 inches</i> -----	1
<i>Bandage, gauze, roll, 3 inches by 6 yards</i> -----	1
<i>Bandage, triangle, 40 inches</i> -----	1
<i>Sulfadiazine tablets 0.5 gm</i> -----	12
<i>Morphine tartrate, syrettes, 32.0 mgm. (0.5 gr.)</i> -----	2
<i>Scopolamine hydrobromide, tablets 0.65 mgm</i> -----	6

The contents listed above are considered the requirement for one man; multiples should be supplied in large rafts. The container for the kit should be reclosable in such a manner that even though it is immersed, the remaining contents remain dry. This kit has been accepted and will be available shortly.

LAND PLANE DITCHING

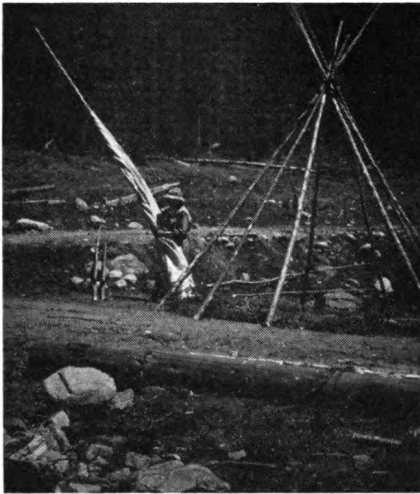
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Large roof in the region of the center section in order to be available to passengers and crew embarking from the wing.

Great progress has been made in design of air sea rescue equipment during the war. The equipment below is listed where the emphasis is on rescue as opposed to survival:

1. Antideceleration provisions.
2. Adequate exits.
3. Rubber rafts and life vests.
4. Radio and radar aids.
5. Visual signals.
6. First-aid equipment.
7. Water.
8. Anti-exposure equipment.

PARATEPEE—SHELTER FROM PARACHUTE



1. Placing the "Tie Pole" in Position.

Aircrewmembers, in addition to being good pilots and mechanics, must be trained to take care of themselves on the ground after crash landing or after bailing out in timber regions. Ability to provide adequate shelter and protection under adverse conditions, particularly when the airplane is no longer available, is a prerequisite of survival. The problem of improvising suitable shelter in forest country can be accomplished with a minimum of effort and equipment. Two things, timber and the parachute, are necessary to construct a paratepee, of which the Sioux Indian tepee is the prototype.

The paratepee, a combination of the parachute and the tepee shelter, has been designed for emergency landings in timber regions by the Arctic Training School and the Arctic Search and Rescue Division of Buckley Field. Subjected to vigorous service conditions during 6 months in the Colorado Rockies, the paratepee has withstood snow, hail, rain, and mountain winds.

The parachute shroud lines with a breaking strength of 500 pounds have



4. Adjusting the Smoke Flaps.



2. Spreading the Parachute Fabric.

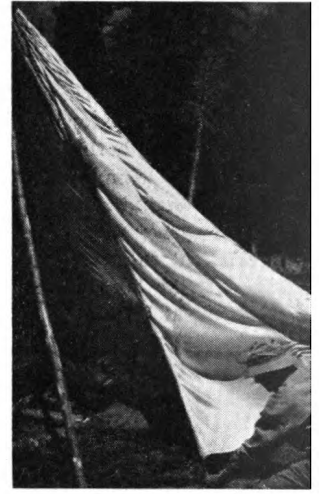
been put to excellent use. The shrouds stretched between poles furnish ideal drying facilities for wet clothing. A shroud line stretched across the fire and equipped with pot hooks simplifies indoor cooking.

The original transportable tepee, constructed by the western Indians, was made of skins from the cow buffalo stretched over a cone of "lodgepole pine." Its weight demanded horsepower. The evolution to its present extraordinary use was due primarily to the migration of the Conquistadores' horses northward to the "Buffalo Country." This tepee was the only light, flexible shelter used in the Western Hemisphere in which a fire could be used with safety and efficiency.

In the early tepee structure, the sewn hides wrapped around the frame were held in place by a single pole fastened to the top corner flap of the hide covering, but the wind blowing toward the flap was deflected into the tepee causing smoke and discomfort. Two smoke wings and an extra pole were designed as an efficient draft regulator.

With a few simple changes and the use of light parachute fabric in place of animal hides, the present paratepee has finally evolved into an efficient and useful shelter. Weighing only 5 pounds and 11 ounces, the 14-segmented parachute fabric has greatly enhanced the tepee's mobility and usefulness.

For a foundation the paratepee utilizes a tripod tied at the top, reinforced with 5 extra poles 12 to 14 feet long, slanting toward the ground to form a

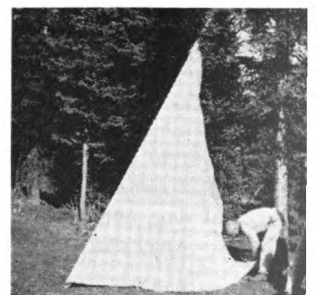


3. Pegging the Parachute to the

circle about 11 feet in diameter. A ninth pole called the "tie pole" is in position directly opposite the space (picture 1). The parachute is stretched around the pole circle (picture 2) and continued until the entire 14 segments are used. The tepee is pegged to the ground by means of short bowline loops in length, fashioned from the shroud lines (picture 3).

The next step in erecting the tepee consists of placing the poles at the apex into position. The shroud line loops sewed to the edges of the upper part of the fabric (picture 4). Regular smoke flaps is accomplished by angling the poles at the base. The tepee is now complete with 14 poles and 14 forming a folding door.

In emergencies, where immediate protection for the wounded or in extreme haste, or in regions where there is insufficient timber, a "one pole" paratepee can be made in a few minutes. A parachute can be erected on a three-pole or a standard tripod (picture 5).



5. "One Pole" Paratepee

German One-Man Raft Compared With Army and Navy Pararaft

te with a compact first-aid kit, blazone tablets for purifying id even a sharpening stone for , the kit should enable the aver- to survive for many weeks tural plant and animal foods tained. Emergency rations for e included, but the main em- on living off the land or sea. al AAF Survival Manual is in- one of the vest pockets; there n instruction book explaining possible uses of all the mate- ined in the C-1 Vest Kit. Both were compiled by the Arctic, nd Tropic Branch, Army Air ctical Center, Orlando, Fla.

lation from a German Army discloses how closely the ne-man inflatable dinghy par- s in shape, color, and equip- t is interesting to note the es and dissimilarities. The n gives a description of the instructions for its use and nce.

ghy is packed in an outer con- ich serves simultaneously as apron of the parachute. It is o the person by two straps and a place after the parachute has oned. It must be worn with es types of life jackets and ble to the seat or back type . The dinghy is put on to- th the parachute pack. After the dinghy by the shoulder and the parachute straps are at- the usual manner. The seat : straps are fastened by flaps : studs to the dinghy outer pack on the back parachute, the ck is fastened by four press the back cloth of the chute back pad.

ghy equipment consists of a r and bailer which are stowed be pockets in the bottom of the Additional emergency equip- udes a backless life jacket, 1 ggings with pockets for recog- nals, 2 bags of dye, a single gnaling pistol, 10 Marine-type cartridges, 1 airman's distress np, a signal flag, and a clasp a contrast, American emer-

gency equipment is contained in back pad kits or vests and our more exten- sive signaling equipment includes sea dye marker, whistle, pyrotechnics, flash- light, signal mirror, and signal panel.

The dinghy is made of balloon fabric and painted yellow similar to ours for better visibility on the water. It is inflated by liquid carbon dioxide only partially so as to be easier to board. The German technique is to swim on the

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OXYGEN AND CO₂ COURSE

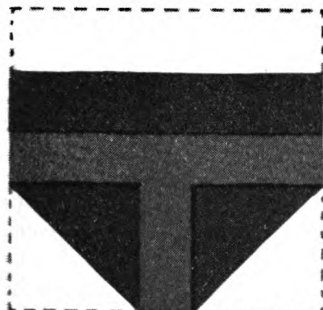
The installation, operation, and main- tenance of oxygen and carbon dioxide equipment is a new training course set up for Navy enlisted men at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Chi- cago. The course is of 2 weeks' dura- tion. The first half of the program deals with all types of aviation oxygen equip- ment, and the second phase teaches the men the maintenance of typical CO₂ in- stallations, such as fire extinguishers, cylinders, valves, emergency hydraulic landing gear, and smoke screen and vapor dilution systems.

Additional Types of Equipment Received For Exhibit

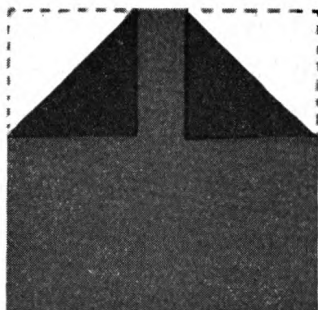
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Catalogue No.	Object	Source
44.277.1-2.....	Sponge, bailing (2) Contract No. NXSA-57490.....	BuAer, Washington, D. C.
44.278.1-2.....	Flashlights (2) Model B & Model G.....	Geyarn Mfg. Co., Boston, Mass.
44.279.1.....	Aircraft, drift signal, night. AN MK. 4 (Inert), section- alized.	Supply Officer, 164 Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Ind.
44.279.2.....	Signal, drift, night. AN MK. 5, Mod. 1 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.3.....	Aircraft float light, MK. 6 (Inert), Lot K-1944.....	Do.
44.279.4.....	Aircraft two-star cartridges, red, yellow, MK. 3, Mod. 3 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.5.....	Aircraft two-star cartridges, green into red-red, MK. 4 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.6.....	Aircraft two-star cartridges, red-red AN-M28 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.7.....	Aircraft emergency identification signal star, MK. 6 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.8.....	Aircraft emergency identification signal smoke, MK. 7 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.9.....	Fuze, time mechanical nose, M111A1 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.10.....	Cartridge slick marker, 1.5", MK. 1 (Inert) section- alized.	Do.
44.279.11.....	Very's pistol cartridge, red, MK. 2 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.12.....	Depth charge marker, day, MK. 1, Mod. 1 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.13.....	Depth charge marker, night, MK. 2 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.14.....	Grenade, Hand Smoke, white, HC-AN-M-8 (Inert).....	Do.
44.279.15.....	Very's pistol, MK. 5.....	Do.
44.280.1-3.....	Aviator's Kit, Individual First Aid.....	Commander Hohn.
44.281.1-17.....	Kit, first aid, aeronautic, complete (new Army type).....	Fairfield Air Service Com- mand, Patterson Field, Fairfield, Ohio.
44.282.1-6.....	Packet, First Aid, parachute, complete (new Army type).....	Do.
44.283.1.....	One-Man Life Raft, British.....	Squadron Leader Smith, Canadian Joint Staff, Washington, D. C.
44.284.1-2.1-38.....	Raft, life, pneumatic, Type D, MK. IV, Spec. M-3R.....	Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Memphis, Tenn.
44.285.1-2.1-43.....	Raft, life, pneumatic, Type D, MK. VII, Spec. M-3R.....	Do.
44.286.1-9.....	Flashlights, plastic, watertight, complete with batteries (9)	SO, U. S. Naval Aviatio Supply Depot, Philadel- phia, Pa.
44.287.1-2.1-31.....	Raft, Mark II, Type D, Spec. M-3R.....	Air Cruisers, Inc., Clifton, N. J.
44.294.1-8.....	Compass, magnetic, pocket type.....	BuAer, Washington, D. C.
44.295.1-2.....	Knife, hunting; 2-5" blades, with sheath.....	Lieutenant Sanger.

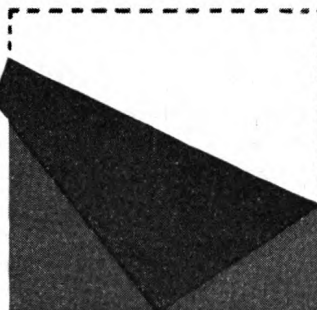
EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES



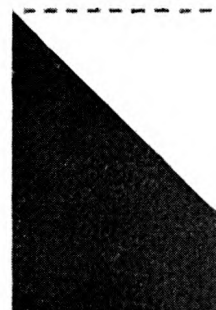
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SEA: NEED SUN COVER



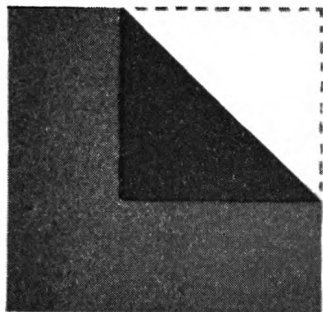
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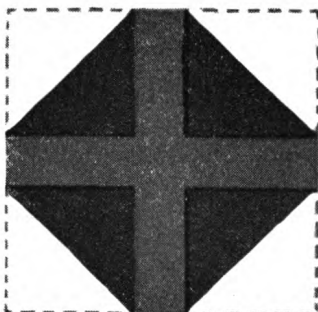
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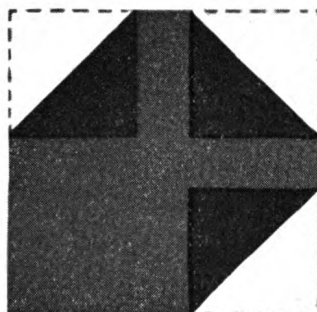
SEA: NEED EQUIPMENT INDICATED. FOLLOW



LAND: NEED GAS AND OIL. PLANE IS FLYABLE



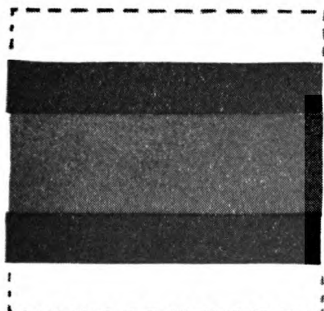
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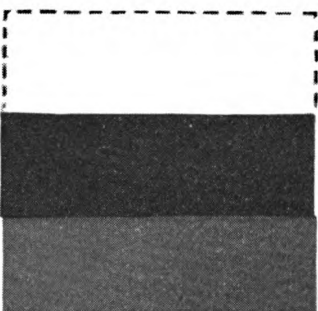
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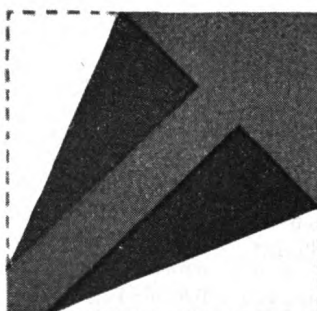
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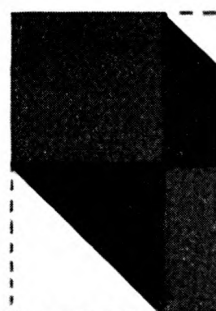
LAND: INDICATE DIRECTION OF NEAREST CIVILIZATION
SEA: INDICATE DIRECTION OF RESCUE CRAFT



LAND: SHOULD WE WAIT FOR RESCUE PLANE?
SEA: NOTIFY RESCUE AGENCY OF MY POSITION



LAND & SEA: OK TO LAND. ARROW SHOWS LANDING DIRECTION



LAND & SEA: DO NOT ATTEMPT LANDING

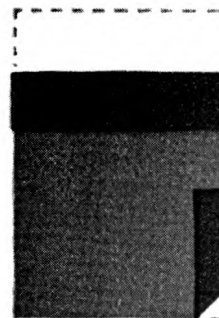
SURVIVORS' SAIL SIGNALS

Use of the standard life raft paulin or sail carried in emergency equipment has been expanded for signaling to overhead rescue craft from the sea as well as the land. Navy Technical Note No. 91-44, issued 16 October 1944 by the Bureau of Aeronautics, standardizes a system of messages for communicating survivor needs. These signals are made by folding the life raft sail or paulin to indicate the messages shown in the accompanying plate. The paulin, which is also

used for a sail, protective cover, or camouflage, is arc fluorescent yellow on one side and blue on the other. (Yellow is indicated by the darker areas in the half-tone; blue is the lighter.)

Meanings for the signals were chosen with care and represent the most frequently occurring needs of survivors on land or sea.

Except for the blue triangular panel, "Signals Follow," these signals are standard for both the Army and Navy.



LAND & SEA: HAVE ABANDONED ... WALKING THIS DIRECT DIRECTION DRIFTING

AN ONE-MAN RAFT IS COMPARED

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at the upper part of the body is held above water by the life preserver. The swimmer raises his legs, and the tightly inflated dinghy is drawn up to his body.

INSTRUCTIONS

Following instructions are given for the use of the recognition signals in the pockets of the airman's life vest. He should take a bag of dye and a pocket and hang it over the side of the aircraft as seen or believed to be in the vicinity. If it is evening or twilight, a flashlight is used automatically to flash SOS signals. The yellow signal is used only at night, and the red signal is used only in the daytime.

The one-man parachute type life vest is in three models—An-R-2a, An-R-2b, and C-2. The An-R-2a or b, used by Army and Navy flyers, may be worn either the seat-type parachute or the quick attachable chest-type parachute. With the former, the raft is stowed between the chute and the life preserver. The dinghy in place of the parachute is used in the event of an emergency landing. If the flyer is wearing a parachute, the raft is stowed between the QAC parachute and his life preserver. Before flight the raft is attached to the ring of the life vest. When the vest is worn with the seat-type parachute, the raft is released in the water by pulling the leg straps of the vest and allowing them to go through the ring in the raft case. When the flyer leaves his harness, the raft is released.

The raft is inflated by pulling the leg straps and twisting the CO₂ valve. The raft becomes fully inflated, which is done on the German version, and is then topped off by using the oral inflator tube. The Army C-2 one-man raft is attached to the harness of a back-type parachute.

The parachutes are equipped with a quick release buckle. On submerging, the airman presses the buckle and the straps fall apart, and the parachute opens the press studs on the life preserver straps, so that only the life preserver remains. The airman inflates the dinghy by pulling the leg straps on the CO₂ flask while the

Universal Survival Vest Adopted by AAF

Prepared by Arctic, Desert, and Tropic Branch

Newest addition to the growing line of emergency kits is the Vest, Emergency Sustenance, type C-1, developed by the Personal Equipment Laboratory, Air Technical Service Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. The C-1 Vest is designed to provide, on the person of the wearer, universal survival equipment for use over an extended period.

This new emergency kit places great emphasis on the individual's ability to live off the land. Equipment for hunting and fishing highlights its many unique items; included among them is a complete set of fishing tackle, with hooks to fit anything from sardines to sharks, and a spear for use if all else fails. For small game, such as rabbits, squirrels, and birds, a package of shot cartridges has been introduced—the first ever made to fit the .45 automatic pistol.

Designed to fit under all types of parachute harness, the vest kit occupies the smallest possible space. Items of equipment are evenly distributed in marked pockets.

Other interesting articles include a flexible canteen made of transparent, tasteless vinylite; this holds 3 pints of water and was designed with a specially wide, flat neck, to facilitate filling from shallow streams. There is also a reversible hat of two colors (OD on one side and yellow on the other), a mosquito headnet, gloves, signal mirror, plastic whistle, sewing kit, compass, matches, fire-starting tabs, insect repellent, and 2 pocket knives, the larger of which has a 5-inch saw blade capable of cutting airplane steel.

The entire vest can be submerged for hours without harming its contents.

The raft pack is still on his back. The carbon dioxide coming out inflates the dinghy and pushes it out of its pack. The dinghy remains attached to the pack, however, by the flask connection.

NOTE.—The above article was based on a report from Great Britain, Ministry of Aircraft, R. T. P. Translation No. S1524 (Report No. A2167-44, Commander, U. S. Naval Forces in Europe, 23 October 1944, Enclosure 11). Photographs are included.

USE OF HOMING PIGEONS IN RESCUE

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Pigeons, when fully trained, can fly 12 to 15 hours steadily with an average speed of 25 to 30 miles an hour. A favorable tailwind will make greater speeds possible. The semi-impermeable plumage of the homing pigeon serves as a protection from water, and the birds may be released into misting rain or light showers, but it is not advisable to release them in a heavy rainfall. A pigeon is not affected by cold temperature, but is susceptible to drafts. Recent experiments show that pigeons may be trained to fly at night.

Careful training has done what many people previously had considered impossible—it has successfully changed the home address of homing pigeons. Before this time it was not thought possible that adult pigeons could be moved thousands of miles and taught to "home" on a new location within a few weeks' time. This procedure is particularly advantageous for tactical operations. With a fast-moving outfit the pigeoneers adopt the leap-frog process, with one loft operating and another in front "settling" the birds. As troops move forward, the loft is jumped as in a checker game so there is always one operating and one ahead getting ready. As training progresses it is possible that the ultimate tactical value of these war birds is yet to be realized.

Experience shows that a pigeon can be released from an altitude of 35,000 feet and a speed of from 300 to 400 miles per hour, and still suffer no bad effects from the low temperature or the lack of oxygen. To aid in escaping the force of the slip stream, the bird is placed head first in a paper bag that is slit down the side. The pigeon is faced in the direction the plane is flying, and may be tossed out and down from the stern hatch of the plane. The bag will hold together long enough to insure that the pigeon clears the plane. Other birds with the same message may be released after the plane has ditched or made a forced landing. If time is short, the pigeon may be released without a message, and the loft pigeoneers will check the bird's leg band, ascertain the number of the plane to which it is assigned.

SURVIVAL INSTRUCTOR'S PHASES

ONE PART OF NAVY'S SURVIVAL TRAINING PROGRAM FOR AVIATION

The Navy Survival Training Program for Instructors is an innovation in the field of survival study. This training, sponsored by the Physical and Military Training Section, and given last fall to 80 men, is intended to broaden the background of their officers now teaching some phase of Survival and to train additional officers to fulfill the requirements of the continually expanding program.

The course of instruction followed the progressive preflight, primary, intermediate, and operational survival training given to cadet pilots with additional reading assignments, field work and methods of training. Three sections of the country which afforded suitable topographical areas for survival training were the centers for this instruction. At the Navy Preflight School in Chapel Hill, N. C., the potential "experts" were initiated into the field within 12 days of introductory land and sea survival followed by 9 days of further indoctrination at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla., and the course concluded with a week of tropical survival methods at the Opalocka Naval Air Station near Miami.

JUNGLE SURVIVAL TRAINING

The training at Chapel Hill oriented the men to the preflight survival program. The first week followed a pattern of lectures, films, slides, and reading assignments in the training textbook, *How to Survive on Land and Sea*, during the morning hours, and a daily field trip in the afternoon for practical application of the survival procedures. The second week consisted entirely of a field trip in the surrounding country which, with its densely wooded areas, ridges, valleys, swamps, and rivers, lends itself realistically to jungle survival training. During this time techniques already demonstrated were practiced under actual survival conditions.

The lectures covered every phase of survival—its importance, the need for being prepared, equipment and improvisations, how to search for food and test it intelligently, food sources, how

to travel and keep a course, methods of signaling, water travel, swimming, and other basic subjects. The first field work featured individual first aid and safety with a demonstration of bandages, compresses, and slings. In addition, the men learned how to control shock and hemorrhage, how to tie many useful knots, and to use the axe, machete, and knife.

EMERGENCY FOOD AND WATER

The second field trip entailed map and compass work. Each man received a compass and aerial map of the surrounding country and was shown how to read it, how to orient it, and how to determine his desired course of travel. After instruction in travel techniques and hiking in rough wooded country, his map was marked with definite objectives such as stream bends, cliffs, and fields which he must reach on a prescribed course without deviation to avoid streams, swamps, or other natural barriers. On the way he learned to use the sun, landmarks, and bush marks in keeping a course, how to tell direction with a watch, and the best methods of teaching these skills to cadets.

The next four lectures covered wild plant food—its importance, distribution, poisonous and irritating substances, and animal food, fire making, cooking, and shelter. Then the classroom work on water and food was put to practical use in the field. The instructors demonstrated methods of searching for food by emphasizing observation, the value of habitat recognition, and plant and animal indicators. Plants that are common in other parts of the world were pointed out, as well as how to recognize and use them. The men learned by preparing, cooking, and eating them that the leaves, stems, sap, buds, roots, and fruits of certain plants are all potential food sources. In fact the instructors emphasized that they may be a survivor's bill of fare for many days. Mussels, crayfish, turtles, salamanders, frogs, snakes, and insect grubs also figure prominently in a survivor's diet and the men were shown where to find these delicacies.

Water is one of the most important

factors of survival and the subject was well covered during this trip. The men learned how to obtain water from a low river flood plain; how to dig for good drinking water; how to use plants that act as water reservoirs; how the presence of certain plants indicates the nearness of water. In addition they were shown how to make water potable by clarifying with cactus leaves; deodorizing with charcoal; filtering it with cloth, grass; boiling it in canteens, shift vessels; and purifying with iodine and halazone tablets.

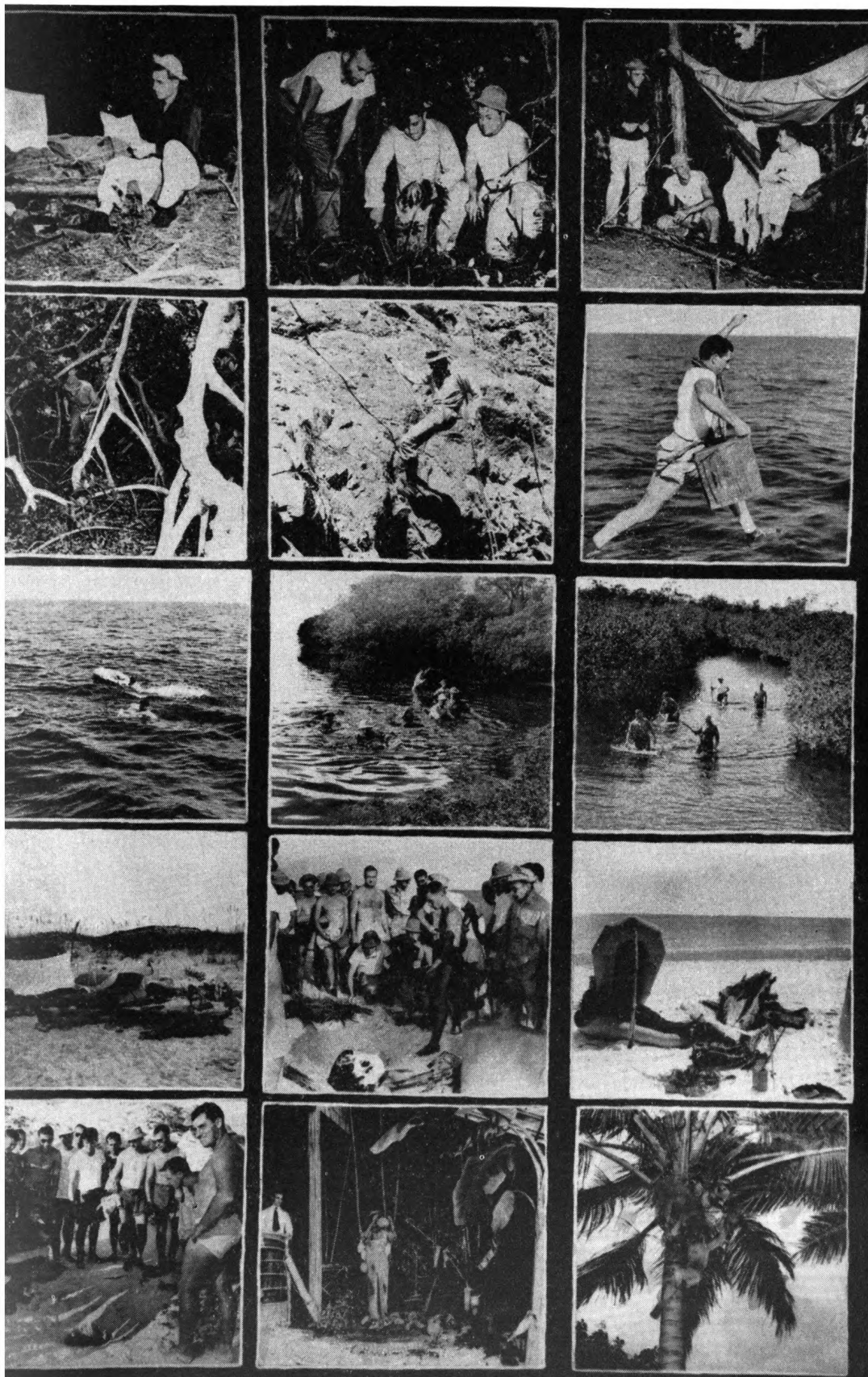
The last three lectures of the course introduced the trainee to the life of a survivor's life. He became aware of the innumerable physical dangers to be met—heatstroke, sunburn, snow blindness, water intoxication, strenuous exertion, and effects of altitude. He practiced elementary first aid for blisters, insects, cuts, and burns. He became familiar with botanical hazards such as malaria, fungus infection, harmful animals, poisonous and dangerous plants, poisonous to touch, and imaginary dangers, and sometimes the hardest to meet.

The final field trip of the course offered training in climbing techniques, rappelling and rope work. A hike was made to a cliff face quarry. Here the men practiced rappelling down a cliff, rappelling up a tree, making rope from shroud lines, rock climbing methods, and lowering a man from a cliff using a Spanish Bowline.

SIX-DAY FIELD TRIP

The second week of instruction plunged into field work on a six-day trek was made through rugged, surrounding woods with a minimum of equipment consisting of a sack, sleeping bag, canteen, compass, maps, tent, hat, mosquito net, and K rations. Individual responsibility was the order of the day and were put on their own to practice techniques of living off the land, building shelters, im-

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equipment, etc. Group instruction was given also, stressing the teaching angle in survival techniques, preparing training camps, setting up instruction courses, and building demonstration areas.

The permanent camp site was the first objective of the trip. Here the men observed camp organization, administration, and the factors to be considered in selecting a permanent training camp site. Later in the day they explored the demonstration area which exhibits the many kinds of snares, shelters, campfires, and other survival equipment. The same evening the men went out on a short night hike to practice navigation by map, compass, and stars. They started out around 5 in the evening, hiked to their objective, cooked their supper, and hiked back to camp after dark. The route followed intersected wooded and open country, a stream, swamp, and ridge. When following one of the several different bearings, the men used only the stars and skyline to keep course. Several of the California trainees, used to the mountainous topography of the coast ranges, went past their objective in the dense undergrowth and almost completed the next day's hike before they realized they were off their course. But one of the navigational instructors managed to top all the mistakes made that night by walking over an 8-foot drop in the dark while trying to orient himself by the stars.

The next day another compass hike was made to a camp site at Edwards Mountain. The first thing that the men attended to on reaching camp were the blisters on their feet rubbed in during the morning hike. Then the men made camp and set snares on runways, game trails, and over logs crossing streams. After this was done, they constructed bough beds, different types of shelters, and gathered wild plant foods such as the wild sweetpotato, blackberries, blueberries, American pawpaws, and wild greens. The evening was passed around the fires with a lecture and discussion. In the morning the snares were lifted and camp broken before starting another cross-country hike to the Haw River camp site for a 3-day stop.

HAW RIVER CAMPSITE

At Haw River the men acquired skill in fishing and set night lines along the river for eels and catfish. In the morn-

ing the lines were lifted for catch and the instruction in fishing ended with a demonstration of cleaning and preparing fish and making bark fishing lines. The rest of the day was spent by the men on individual forage trips. Each man on his own had to bring back 10 feet of bark fishing line, K-ration key fishhook, one frog, fish, or snake, a freshwater mussel, an Indian turnip tuber, a Solomon's seal root, and one cupful of silver berries.

The next day they practiced tree climbing, stalking techniques, and the various methods of crossing streams, swimming in rapids, and making rafts. Their rafts had to be usable, too, because their next assignment called for them to cross the river on the raft and make individual camp on the far side for the night. The same night a big storm came up suddenly and caught a few of the men unprepared. The more foresighted individuals, however, were proud of the fact that they had anticipated the weather and slept dry.

The remainder of the field work back at the base comprised water survival, physical training, and hand-to-hand combat techniques. Physical training included climbing ropes, jumping, tumbling, safety falls, cargo net, and parachute agility. Hand-to-hand combat taught the proper stance, the parts of the body as weapons, fundamental holds, the frontal and rear attack, kicking maneuvers, disarming, and offensive methods for possible use in enemy escape and evasion. Thus ended the first phase of survival training.

PENSACOLA

Here the future instructors received instruction with emphasis placed on specific survival knowledge pertaining to particular areas—at sea, along the seashore, and in the arctic. The training included advanced lectures in various fields (Flight Safety, Medicine and Flight, Parachutes, the Arctic, etc.) by men well versed in their profession with practical demonstrations in which the individual trainee took an active part. Training films, illustrated lectures, and study of the techniques displayed in the Survival Training Exhibit supplemented this work.

Intensive instruction was given at the Naval Air Station in Air Sea Rescue training through lectures, demonstrations, and actual practice. The men were taught the use of Air Sea Rescue

emergency equipment and how it in planes. Flight emergency covered parachutes and their different types of planes; the principles of jumping, descending, ditching procedures; distress communications; positions and postures. Water ditching drills were conducted under supervision of flight officers.

In addition the men learned Rescue organization and control need for cooperation between and rescuers. This phase of was concluded with a simulation using PBV's, fighter planes in a crash, and crash boats to illustrate the various types of rescue unordained to effect a rescue. They were stationed in boats, plane and control headquarters to observe operational functions.

SEASHORE SURVIVAL TRAINING

The most interesting field at Pensacola covered a 24-hour and emphasized survival at along the seashore. The men at the Naval Air Station by motor launch minimum of equipment and no food. About a mile off Santa Rosa Island the men simulated true survival by jumping overboard their rafts and paddling to shore the surf. On shore they were shown where and how to dig wells in water and each man had to dig one. They also learned how to catch crabs and the best methods of cooking them without utensils. Hu crabs were speared or otherwise and an average of three to four per man was obtained. In addition shellfish, numerous plants, and acorns were caught and prepared. On the second day the men were shown a list of ten foods to find and how to prepare them. The required foods were sand dollar, small clams for broth, fish, a sand crab for bait or food, a hermit crab, acorns for flour, oak, a saw palmetto heart to eat raw or cooked, saw grass (ba eaten raw), edible nutlets of bullrush, and ground cherry plum. Most of the men hope to spend more time on the beach at night of sleeping on the sand and working in the terrific heat they were very happy to leave at the appointed hour. Working in the intense heat all day with no shade

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ABSTRACTS

Buoyant Material for Life Preservers.

October monthly progress report in the testing of buoyant materials for life preservers conducted at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research. Experiments to determine relative buoyancy of Fiberglas, treated wool, and dewaxed kapok under varying conditions are in progress with preliminary tests to investigate percentage loss of buoyancy caused by (1) design of the pad, (2) degree of compression of fibers. Storage tests were made on cellular synthetic rubber under increased temperature and pressure and results included. Tables are inserted showing buoyancy test results of the different samples under various conditions. Further information is expected as the experiments and tests progress.

SOURCE: National Research Council, Monthly Progress Report Project AN-20, October 31, 1944. Buoyant Material for Life Preservers OEMsr 1055/AN 20. (Restricted.)

Sunburn Preventives for Use on the Lips.

Report on field acceptance test to determine the most acceptable of 3 protective preparations, 2 lipsticks and an ointment, concludes that "a lipstick is preferable to an ointment preparation." The preparations were applied to the lips and nose of 72 test subjects, the preparations being rotated for 3 days. The subjects were exposed to hot weather with temperatures above 90°, bright sunlight, and salt water spray.

SOURCE: Medical Field Research Laboratory, Camp LeJeune, N. C. (M & S Research Project # X-108B).

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Report covers experiment conducted by Seventh Air Force to simulate as closely as possible raft survival conditions in Central Pacific area. Four men adrift for 5 days in an A-3 raft to determine the durability and efficiency of both Army and Navy equipment available in that theatre of operations. Daily authoritative medical records were kept by a medical corpsman who visited the raft three times a day to check physiological effects of the experience. All equipment was tested and recommendations are included for its improvement. Actual photographs and diagrams are inserted throughout the report.

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SURVIVAL INSTRUCTOR'S PHASE

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travel techniques and methods of obtaining fish and shore foods in such areas. The training here consisted of a quarter-mile hike forcing a path through the mangrove; a mile hike traveling the easier tidewater channels; methods of swimming in muck and mud; and finding food such as coon oysters, mangrove snappers, and stone crabs. A trip was made to a native jungle area in the afternoon and the men practiced

hiking through the jungle with and without a compass, obtaining water from air plants, and in general got the feeling of traveling through tropical vegetation.

The final day started out with an inspection of the Naval Air Station rescue and salvage gear followed by a trip to the Everglades for a demonstration of pilot rescue and plane salvage operations by the swamp weasel, alligator, sea sled, and caterpillar tractor. The

CANDLEPOWER
LEARNED MIRROR

A letter from the National Standards reveals the following:

On page 339 of the eighth issue of the Smithsonian Physical Tables published by the Smithsonian Institution it is stated that the bright disk of the sun when observed from earth's surface on a clear day is equivalent to 100,000 candles/cm². If observation in a mirror having a reflectance of 0.90, the bright disk will on this basis be equivalent to 90,000 candles/cm². If the flashes of light reflected by the mirror are seen from a distance of several hundred feet, as in the case in mirror signaling, the image of the sun fills the small signal mirror. The mirror then behaves as a secondary source of light having an area equal to 148,500 candlepower projected area in square centimeters.

The Signal Service Corps of the Army has a mirror of the Learned type having a mirror area of 67 square centimeters which for light incident at 45° will produce a beam of 47 square meters cross section, and if directed 65° from normal will produce a beam of 28 square centimeters. Multiplying each of these areas by 148,500, we find that the mirror appears to be 10,000,000 candles, or greater to any observer at 90° of the sun, and it appears to be 4,000,000 candles when the sun is at 130° from the sun at about the best angle in which the mirror is effective.

Fruit-flavored Candies

It has been suggested by the Signal Service that the fruit-flavored candies in the ration be added to water in the desalting kit to increase its

effectiveness. The afternoon trip through swamps included the Miami survival training. This excursion the men were the best travel techniques for the instructors pointed out snakes; and the men collected foods such as frogs, fish, and

All that remained then was an examination. By this time, however, the future instructor had demonstrated their importance in the field and also that someone was when he coined the phrase, "the Fittest."

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EMERGENCY RESCUE REPORT

AF OR AAF COMMAND

USE BOXES MARKED **[W]** ONLY FOR EMERGENCIES AT SEA

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY DITCHING OR BAILOUT AT SEA, AND FOR EVERY CRASH LANDING OR BAILOUT IN TERRITORY SO ISOLATED THAT SURVIVORS FACED AN EMERGENCY SITUATION. THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED WILL BE USED BY ALL AIR FORCE EMERGENCY RESCUE AGENCIES TO IMPROVE EQUIPMENT AND PROCEDURES. IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE LIVES OF YOUR FELLOW AIRMEN THAT YOU ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AS COMPLETELY AND ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PILOT'S NAME	GRADE	ASN	TYPE AIRCRAFT	
ORGANIZATION	DATE OF EMERGENCY	TIME (GCT)	DATE OF RESCUE	TIME (GCT)
APPROXIMATE LOCATION OF BAILOUT, DITCHING, OR LANDING			LATITUDE	LONGITUDE

DESCRIBE CONDITION OF AIRCRAFT NECESSITATING BAILOUT, LANDING, OR DITCHING, AND CAUSE OF DAMAGE

WIND VELOCITY	DIRECTION	VISIBILITY	W HEIGHT OF SWELL	W DIST. CREST TO CREST	W EXTENT OF CHOP
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DESCRIBE OTHER WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INCIDENT

LIST PERSONNEL WHO BAILOUT BEFORE LANDING OR DITCHING. GIVE REASON

W IF FIGHTER DITCHED GIVE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH FORCED DITCHING INSTEAD OF BAILOUT

W HOW MANY HOURS OF DITCHING DRILL BEFORE INCIDENT?	W HAD CREW DONE WPT DRILL? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	W DID PILOT DRILL WITH CREW? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	W HAD CREW SEEN A DIBNBY INFLATED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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W IF ANSWER TO ANY OF ABOVE QUESTIONS IS NEGATIVE, GIVE REASON

FORCED LANDING

ALTITUDE DITCHING ORDERED OR CREW WARNED	POSITION OF WHEELS	DEGREE FLAPS USED	ENGINES FUNCTIONING	POSITION OF BOMB DOORS	HOW FAR DID PLANE ROLL OR SKID?
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EQUIPMENT JETTISONED

DESCRIBE LANDING - RELATION TO WIND AND SWELL, ATTITUDE OF PLANE, USE OF ENGINES, ETC. IF LAND, DESCRIBE TERRAIN.

RADIO & DISTRESS PROCEDURE

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WAS FIX OBTAINED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	GIVE DETAILS				

AFTER LANDING

DESCRIBE DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT

W ATTITUDE OF AIRCRAFT AFOAT	W PERIOD A/C FLOATED	W PRINCIPLE ENTRY OF WATER	HEIGHT OF WATER ON EXIT
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LIST TYPE DIBNBY'S AND/OR EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CARRIED IN AIRCRAFT (CIRCLE ALL EQUIPMENT SALVAGED OR TRANSFERRED TO DIBNBY'S)

W DESCRIBE INFLATION OF DIBNBY'S AND ANY FAILURE OF LIFE VEST

DESCRIBE ANY RATIONING INSTITUTED

DESCRIBE RESCUE (CONDITIONS LEADING TO AND TYPE OF CRAFT, ETC., VESSELS TO EFFECT SAME)

"ANYTHING A HORSE CAN DO"—A Story Of The Helicopter

COL. H. FRANKLIN GREGORY, AUTHOR

A BOOK REVIEW

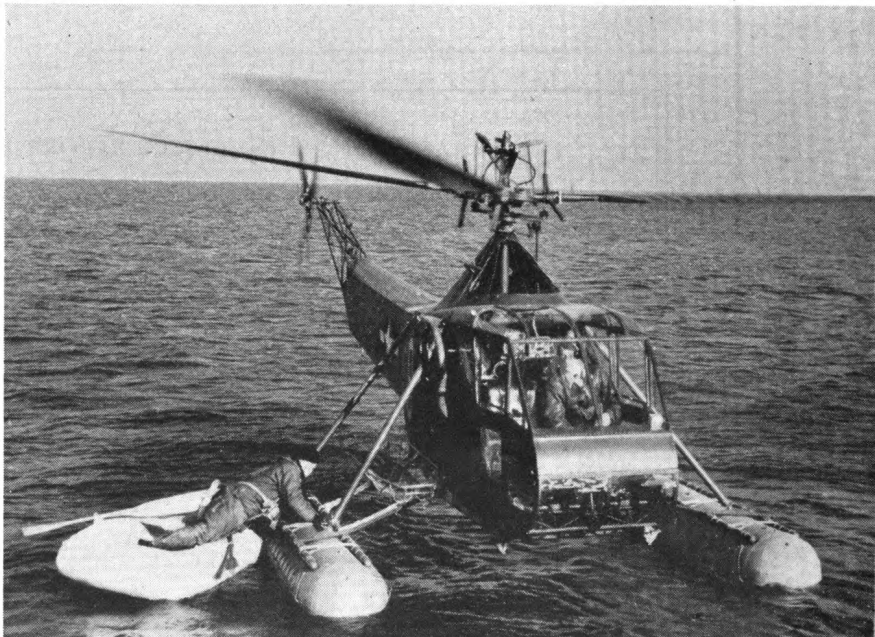
has been written concerning the helicopter and its development. The last 3 or 4 years has seen a great deal of speculation. Col. H. Franklin Gregory, who has contributed to the literature of rotary-wing aircraft in the United States, unfolds his views on the utility of the helicopter from its history to its possible potentialities. The following is a paraphrased review of this story, following a preliminary review of the book, "Anything a Horse Can Do."

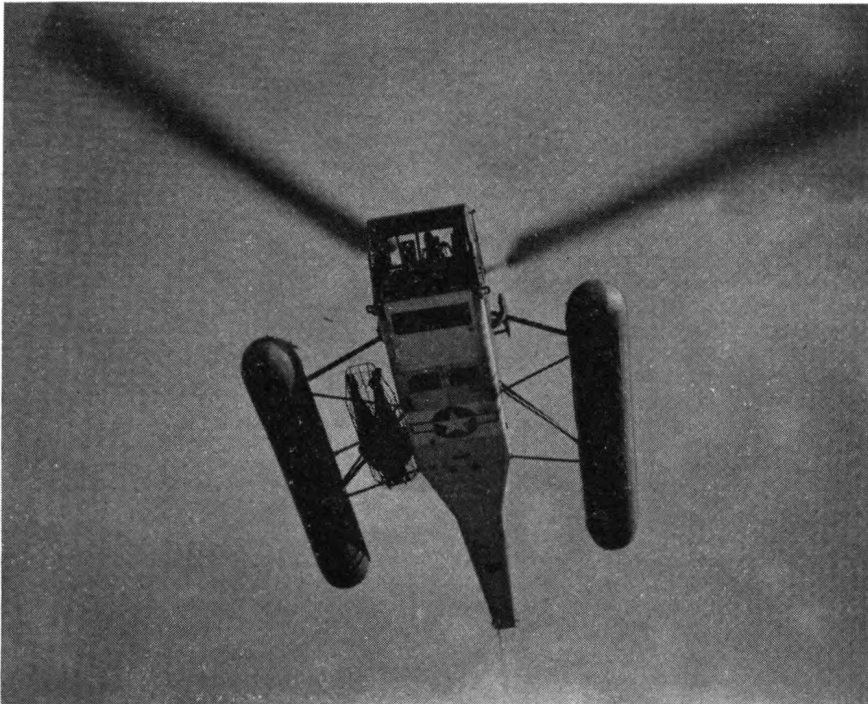
It is indicated that one of the important missions of the rotary-wing aircraft may be emergency rescue and the delivery of necessary supplies.

In 1943 a Navy destroyer mysteriously ran aground off the Jersey coast, killing the crew and injuring scores of others. Surface rescue ships brought the survivors to emergency hospitals set up on the beaches of Sandy Hook. Blood transfusions were needed urgently.

A Sikorski helicopter, Commander Erickson, commanding officer of the 1st Coast Guard Air Unit at Floyd Bennett Field, landed on the lawn of the destroyer and took the plasma transfusions. A few minutes it was de-livered to the wounded sailors. This is the first time the helicopter was used for emergency work. On another occasion a big bomber was rescued from the dense swamp jungles of Borneo, less than 100 miles from the base. None of the crew was killed, but some were seriously injured. A Sikorski plane spotted them from the air and dropped some supplies and later a Sikorski ground-rescue party in a rough area less than 25 miles from the base. Cutting their way through the dense undergrowth . . . the rescuers nearly 2 weeks be-fore they reached the survivors and returned the same treacherous way back to base with the wounded. *The Sikorski could have accomplished the rescue in a day's time.* In the future the helicopter may be available for just such emergencies.

NOTE.—Helicopter illustrations in this article are pictures of a simulated rescue and have no connection whatsoever with the book "Anything a Horse Can Do," except to show a phase of possible use.





The author then conjectures the probable procedure in effecting such a rescue: Loaded with medical personnel and first-aid equipment, the helicopter, operating from a base within a reasonable radius—or flown to a convenient location in a cargo plane—would fly to the scene of disaster.

Then, hovering over the spot, the med-

ical men and supplies would be lowered to the ground by rope ladder. This is possible even in the thickest jungle. Once on the ground the men would clear a space, approximately 50 feet square, suitable for the helicopter to land. Equipped with from two to four litters, depending on the type helicopter employed, the machine could transport the

wounded to the nearest

One of the advantages of to take off, hover at zero forward speed and land vertically, is that a space in a wooded area becomes usable ground. Because of this capacity for emergency evacuation is much greater than that of fixed wing aircraft.

Some day, not too distant, it will not be necessary to land the helicopter. Fitted with special mechanical devices, now under development, it will be entirely possible to take the man aboard while the craft is only a few feet in the air. Missions of this sort will be commonplace and the rotary-wing craft is produced in great quantity.

Another possible use suggested for the helicopter is the establishment of a network of radar installations. The helicopter could fly to the distant stations and deliver the necessary radio, telephone, and other equipment, and at the same time supply the isolated crews with food and other necessities.

In a conservation program, the author suggested that the helicopter, flying at a nearly zero forward speed, could enable biological experts to spot plant diseases and insects immediately, and take such measures to prevent them from spreading. The helicopter, better suited for this job than airplanes, which have not yet been used, could transplant seedlings from Government hatcheries to remote areas, and hundreds of trout streams and lakes.

The author ventures that the helicopter, unquestionably would be ideal for reconnaissance because it would enable the observer to observe inaccessible regions more closely.

Helicopters are described as being ideal for conveying merchant ships, and independent troop vessels, in areas where coverage is impossible. Their ability to take off and land directly on the water, and ships could facilitate effective marine patrol in those special areas. In addition, an efficient anti-aircraft and mine patrol could be maintained over coastal and harbor regions.

Among other uses contemplated are courier work with rapidly mobilized forces, and observational control. Besides these major applications, the author discusses many other uses for the helicopter.

The title for this chronolo-

Lifeboat Radio Test

sted following a conversation
the author and a professor of
University.

orse is an animal used for indi-
"transportation," the professor
ed. "You can ride him from
t door to your destination. If
nto a blind alley you can back
If something is in your path
have him step aside. Or, if
a reasonable obstacle in front
e can jump over it. The heli-
n do these things and more."
he comment is added, "It is
mechanical Pegasus."

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in the exact spot from which
off."

IN TIME of peace every merchant
vessel is required to carry sufficient
lifeboats to afford place for all of its
passengers and crew. In the case of
cargo ships full boatage must be pro-
vided on either side. In time of war
boats are supplemented by life rafts,
which can be skid-launched, and
which will serve in some measure as a
substitute for boats damaged or im-
mobilized. Both lifeboats and the im-
proved-type life rafts have been
equipped to provide the highest pos-
sible survival and rescue expectation,
by large increases in food and water
and by increasing the required life-
boat buoyancy per occupant.

But even when all personnel of an
abandoned ship have been safely
seated in lifeboats and the boats are
away from the ship, the eventual res-
cue of these personnel is only in its
first stage. They still must be trans-
ported to land before their resources
are exhausted. This may be done in
one of two ways; either they may
make their way to safety in their boats
or rafts, or they may be picked up by
some rescue vessel intentionally or ac-
cidentally coming upon them.

A merchant ship lifeboat, with a
capacity load, is not the most efficient
sailing craft. A moderate sea will set
it to leeward and in a rough sea it
must lie to. A raft, of course, even
of the improved type, is much worse
and will only sail broad before the
wind. Navigational equipment is nec-
essarily limited and compasses erratic.
Although many cases have occurred
where boats and even rafts have made
their way to land after long periods
of exposure, luck played a large part
in most such cases, and we have no
records of the numbers of boats or
rafts which did not reach safety.
Therefore, though every effort is made
to give flotation equipment the maxi-
mum possible mobility, self-rescue ef-
forts are considered to be definitely
secondary to the effective provision
for early rescue by other craft.

The first requisite of such rescue is
the accurate location of the boats or
rafts, in order that adequate rescue
equipment may be directed to them.
At present boats and rafts carry signal
flags, orange-colored sails, daylight
smoke signals, parachute flares, dis-
tress signals, and signalling mirrors.
These, however, are only of value for
attracting the attention of someone
already within visual range, which is
necessarily short. For longer range

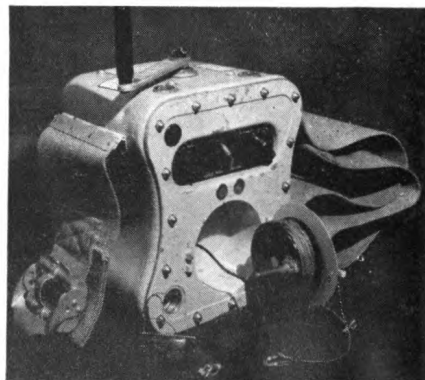
There are 32 full pages of photographs
which, combined with the clearly writ-
ten text, present a book that is of in-
terest to both aviation experts and curi-
ous laymen who want to know more
about the helicopter.

use each cargo ship is required to
carry a portable battery-powered
transmitter, capable of working on
500 kilocycles, which is to be placed
in one of the lifeboats before launch-
ing, and which uses an antenna
wrapped around a sprit for the mast.
Transoceanic planes were equipped
with a hand-operated automatic
transmitter of the so-called "Gibson
Girl" type. The provision of radio
transmission greatly increased the
range within which the distressed
boats could attract attention.

But these boat or raft transmitters
have very definite limitations due to
being restricted to the 500-kilocycle
band. This frequency is subject to
serious interference by static, partic-
ularly in the tropics, and even under
best conditions the sets will have a
maximum range of not over 300 miles.
The gain from this radio, while rela-
tively great compared with visual sig-
nals, is still small in proportion to the
areas of the oceans. The value of the
500 kilocycle frequency is that most
seagoing ships are equipped with di-
rection finders tuned to that wave and
are therefore capable of locating a
boat by its signals.

A high-frequency transmitter, by
creating a long-distance sky wave,
will give good signals over an area
beginning about 300 miles from the
set and extending up to 1,500-2,500
miles, depending upon conditions, but
its ground wave will be inferior to that
on 500 kilocycles. Further, the range
of high-frequency transmitters will
vary under day and night conditions
for different frequencies. To insure
complete coverage at all times without
"skip" two differing high frequency
bands must be used. With such equip-
ment a boat's signals could be picked
up at long ranges by shore direction
finders and an area of position estab-
lished, but since few ships or aircraft
have high frequency direction finders,
search craft could not make use of
these signals.

(From "Proceedings of the Merchant Marine
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Modified SCR-578 transmitter.

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METHODS FOR LOCATING SURVIVORS ADRIFT AT SEA ON RUBBER RAFTS



Report on Search Procedures, Search Areas, and Modification of Areas With Passage of Time

Following report, "Methods For Searching Survivors Adrift at Sea on Rafts," recently has been issued 235 by the Hydrographic Office United States Navy Department, printed here with permission of the Hydrographic Office. It is based upon data compiled for the Bureau of the Hydrographic Office by the Bureau of Aeronautics, and the Hydrographic Office by the Woods and Forest Service, Geographical Institution and the Institution of Oceanography of the University of California.

INTRODUCTION

This report deals with search procedures, search areas, and the modification of these areas with the passage of time. In an earlier report,¹ the course of drift was predicted by the simultaneous procedure for personnel search; in the present report, this is elaborated to include all information available at this time on the winds and currents on raft

SEARCHING POSITION OR AREA

A ditching position or area will fall into one of three categories: (1) Ditching position based on an accurate fix, (2) ditching position based on dead reckoning from a previous accurate fix, (3) ditching area estimated from own position when neither the ditching position nor the time of ditching is known.

When the reported ditching position is known on a navigational fix or a fix obtained by DF or other current navigation aid, the probable error in position will be 10 miles in any direction. This error must be combined the

navigational error of the searching aircraft. In general, the combined navigational error will be 1.4 times that of either aircraft alone, or 14 miles if the ditched and search planes have flown equal distances.

When the reported ditching position is based on dead reckoning, the probable error of the ditching position is assumed to be 5 percent of the distance flown from base or from land.

When the ditching position and time are not known, the probable ditching area is estimated from the last known position, and is centered along the proposed track of the plane. The area becomes progressively wider away from this previous fix; at any point the probable error of position can be taken as 5 percent of the distance from base or last known position.

SEARCH AND CONTACT

When the ditching position can be estimated, the search area is centered on the probable position at the time of search and its radius is based upon the probable error of that position. The searching aircraft should at first cover a radius which is only slightly greater than the probable error of position. If no contact is made, the search should be repeated if possible, using a larger search radius. If a third search is necessary, a still larger area should be covered, and so on. The search area should be completely covered on each search. The search radius for each succeeding search is shown in plate I (p. 23). If the proper sweep spacing is used, the probability of contact for one search is 23 percent, for two searches 47 percent, for three searches 66 percent, for four searches 79 percent, and for five searches 87 percent. When the ditching position is unknown, the search area is determined by calculating separate search areas at intervals along the probable track of the plane and draw-

ing tangents to these areas. (See example 4.)

SEARCH PROCEDURE

Search procedure will necessarily depend upon (1) the number of planes or ships available for search, (2) the distance of reported ditching position from base, (3) the uncertainty of the ditching position, and (4) the time interval between ditching and the start of search.

When the approximate ditching position is known and the search area is not elongated, search should follow an expanding square course around the center of the search area.

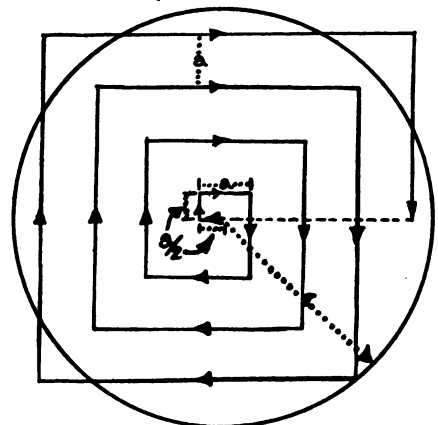


FIGURE 1.—Expanding square search pattern : (a) Sweep spacing; (r) search radius.

When the ditching position is not known and the search area is therefore elongated, parallel track search should be used.

If both planes and surface vessels are available, the search plan shown in figure 2 should be used; the surface craft should proceed along the axis of the search area and direct the planes flying across the area.

When depending on sight and sufficient searching planes are available, planes should fly at 800 to 1,000 feet and should use a visibility of three-fourths mile; that is, the distance between

¹Use of Cloth Survival Charts in the Search for Rubber Rafts, OPNAV-16-V (cloth) and OPNAV-16-V S111 (paper), 1944; distributed by Air Intelligence Office, Division of Naval Operations, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Department, Washington, D. C.

searching planes (or courses of a single plane on successive sweeps) should not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles. At night, visibility may be increased to 3 miles (distance between searching planes 6 miles) if the raft has flares or lights. If the raft is equipped with a radar corner reflector, planes can fly at altitudes up to 2,000 feet and the "visibility" may be increased to 4 or 8 miles (distance between searching planes 8 to 16 miles). The sweep spacing (a) is twice the visibility

20-knot wind (Beaufort force 5) to about $\frac{1}{2}$ knot with a 4-knot breeze (Beaufort force 2). If a drogue is used, the speed of raft drift due to wind alone will be reduced to less than 3 percent of the wind speed. (See plate II, p. 25.) In general, aircraft personnel may be instructed to use a drogue for about 48 hours after ditching and then to attempt to make their way toward a friendly coast, but this will depend on the proximity of the ditching position to friendly

miles a day. On the other hand, the streamlines show a speed less than 25 percent, the current on the chart has little significance and the actual current will be entirely due to the local wind.

Currents near shore will differ in speed and direction from those shown or calculated for offshore waters. Near shore the currents always flow parallel to the shore and are mainly tidal and fluctuate

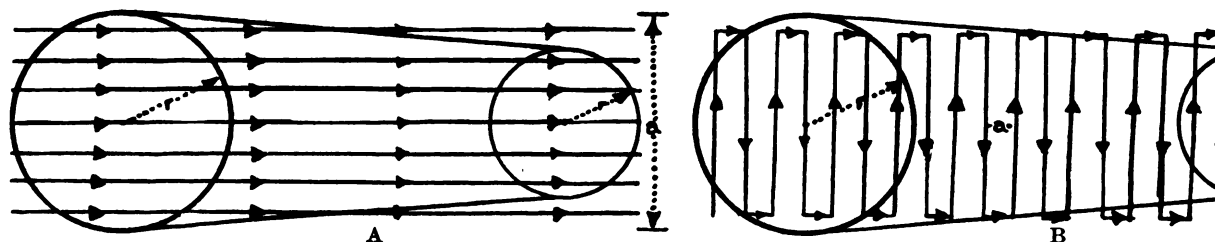


FIGURE 2.—Parallel track search patterns: (A) Search pattern when several planes are available and raft is equipped with a radar reflector; (B) search pattern when few planes are available; (a) sweep spacing; (r) search radius.

multiplied by the number of searching planes.

Since a search radius (r) of 27 miles will require a flight of about 2,000 miles if the sweep spacing (a) is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, it is apparent that a number of planes will usually be required to cover the area adequately.

If the search lasts for more than a few hours, the shifting of the search area caused by current and wind drift should be taken into account. If the search is long continued, careful records should be kept of the area searched each day, but it should be remembered that a shift in wind direction may cause a raft to drift into an area which has been thoroughly covered previously.

If an empty raft is sighted by a searching plane or ship, and the wind has not shifted direction, loaded rafts with survivors may be found upwind.

WIND, CURRENT AND DRIFT

Rubber rafts are carried along by the current and pushed by the wind, so that the direction and speed of raft drift are usually dependent upon the resultant of these two forces.

When there is a current but no wind, a raft will drift in the direction of the current and at the same speed whether or not a sea anchor, or drogue, is used.

If there is no current but a wind is blowing, a raft will drift approximately downwind. For a loaded raft without a drogue, the drift speed through the water will vary from about 1 knot with a

or enemy held coasts as well as on the winds and currents, so that briefing instructions will need to be adjusted to conditions peculiar to each flight.

USE OF SURVIVAL CHARTS

The streamlines on the survival charts show the resultant current near the surface, based upon ships' observations compiled by 1° squares. The direction toward which the current flows is indicated by the arrows on the streamlines, and the resultant velocity in nautical miles per day is indicated by the numbers. The steadiness of the current, or the percentage of the time that the current flows in the average direction, is shown by the heaviness of the streamlines.

The shaded arrows on the charts give the resultant direction toward which the wind blows in each 5° square, and the numbers show the resultant Beaufort force of the wind.

The average currents given on the chart correspond to the resultant winds shown by the shaded arrows. If the local wind at the time and place of ditching has been blowing for several hours in a different direction or at a different speed from that shown by the nearest wind arrow, the actual current will be a combination of that shown on the chart with the current set up by the wind. The current shown on the chart will be predominant when the steadiness is more than 75 percent and the velocity is more than 24 nautical

and often reverse direction 12 hours. Therefore, the direction of the tidal current is usually over a 24-hour period.

DETERMINATION OF COURSE

The following rules should be used in determining the course of the raft during the first 24 hours following ditching:

1. From the ditching position, draw a vector in the direction of the average current shown on the survival chart. Make the length of this vector equal to the velocity of the current in nautical miles per day. Some judgment should be used in determining the direction of the current. The most weight should be given to the streamlines indicating the most steadiness in a particular area. It will usually be necessary to estimate the velocity by interpolating between two or more velocity figures shown on the chart from the ditching position.

2. Determine the wind direction and velocity at the ditching position (or the nearest wind) during the previous 24 hours. If there are ships or planes in the vicinity, they should report the wind every 6 hours if possible. Four reports should be averaged to obtain the wind direction and velocity for that day. It should be remembered that the wind at the sea surface will differ from that aloft. Planes should estimate the wind direction and

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LANDPLANE DITCHING

Part II

Factors Which Determine Ditching Characteristics

e No. 4 Issue of the AIR SEA BULLETIN the first section of ndplane Ditching Staff Instructional," prepared by the Air Sea Agency Committee to Study Procedures, presents the ditching as approached by the an aircraft forced to ditch his The factors influencing his de- selecting a landing approach, condition of the wind and sea, conditions, visibility, and power e, serve as a basis for the de- tion of a prescribed ditching ie.

second section, primarily of in- personnel concerned with the tion of ditching bills and those ad in the design of aircraft, ith the ditching characteristics aft influencing the selection of stations.

third section, "Ditching Safety in rt Landplanes," of the LAND- DITCHING MANUAL will appear in t issue of the AIR SEA RESCUE N.

IONEER RESEARCH

the past few years it has been to obtain a wealth of informa- m the Americans and British ing the behavior of landplanes r landings by interviewing sur- und in some cases Technical and onal interviewing officers have le to inspect the salvaged craft itched crews. Aircraft have ac- een experimentally ditched. In avor to gain further informa- ale models have been ditched s times, and static drop tests of le aircraft have been made. ore, with the knowledge of ngth potentialities of the air- relation to ditching, measures en taken in some instances to en the weak areas of the air- o increase the size and number to provide ditching belts, and ll flotation gear. In all opera- aircraft a ditching drill has awn up in relation to the ditch-

ing characteristics, exits, and available ditching stations in the aircraft.

The following discussion attempts to show the conclusions at which we have arrived and how the drills take their present form. Typical fighters and bombers, both American and British, are discussed.

It must be realized that at present the subject of ditching is surrounded with conflicting theories, chiefly due to a lack of knowledge concerning the problem. The operational pilot would be well advised to become acquainted with the complete situation before making changes in his anticipated ditching technique. He must remember that present methods are based on the evidence of operations and experimental ditchings plus common sense. It would not be right to assume that because one crew escaped death when they ditched at 150 m. p. h. in certain sea conditions that that is the correct procedure. Cumulative evidence is the evidence that counts!

It should be borne in mind that the landplane is a poor weak thing when pitted against the ocean's might. Remember, also, that the seaplane must treat the sea with deference or disaster is inevitable. This is true of any surface craft however large, though to a less extent. In landplane ditching, the need for low horizontal and vertical speeds and the best attitude of impact is stressed. Thus, the adoption of such a technique is the best compromise between good handling qualities and letting the aircraft down onto the water as gently as possible in the correct direction.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

The main factors governing the ditching and flotation characteristics of a landplane are twofold—those which are under the control of the pilot and those which concern the designer. If the pilot can achieve the following essentials for ditching he has, in the event of having to ditch, the best chance of being a good

customer of the Air Sea Rescue Service:

1. Low forward speed.
2. Low vertical impact speed.
3. Primary impact aft of the center of gravity.
4. Choice of approach along the smoothest path of broken water.

The strength and shape of the fuselage, and the strength and shape of the wing are the factors of primary concern to the aircraft designer and ditching drill instructor. The factors involved include:

Strength of fuselage.

1. Main structure and skin.
2. Bombardier's window and nose.
3. Escape hatches, both lower and upper.
4. Bomb doors.
5. Strength of bomb bay roof and bulkheads.
6. Wheel doors, particularly nose wheel doors.
7. Turrets and their hatches.

Shape of fuselage.

1. Size.
2. Length of nose and tail.
3. Contour.
4. Depth and position of bomb bay in relation to center section.
5. Position of turrets, radiators, and intakes.

Strength of wing.

1. Main structure and skin.
2. Wheel doors.
3. Flaps (in special instances).
4. Watertight integrity.

Shape of wing.

1. Size.
2. Height in relation to fuselage.
3. Dihedral.
4. Position of engine nacelles.
5. Radiators and air intakes.

SINGLE-ENGINED FIGHTERS

Advantages

1. In general the fuselage of the fighter is strong and the pilot is not normally situated close to the nose. Violent water in-rush is not so likely

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to occur through the lower portions of the fuselage.

2. On all fighters the flaps are relatively weak and will collapse on impact.

3. Several U. S. Fleet fighters have a low stalling speed which is an advantage and which allows ditching to be more safely executed. In general such aircraft do not have low protrusions because they are aircooled.

Disadvantages

1. In general the smaller the aircraft the less chance it has of ditching successfully in any given sea condition, other than small seas.

2. Fighters with a high performance have small wings relative to aircraft size; since the wing is the main contribution to buoyancy, this is a disadvantage.

3. The wing of a high performance

fighter is thin and sometimes situated low relative to the fuselage. In ditching, pitching is almost inevitable and when this occurs the wing becomes a negative hydro-foil, particularly if it is set low on the fuselage. Some American single-engined fighters have radiators situated beneath the fuselage, which is a primary cause of pitching.

4. High performance fighters with their high wing loading have a relatively high stalling speed which entails a high impact speed.

5. The cockpit of fighter aircraft usually abounds in equipment such as the gun sight from which the pilot is likely to receive injury, particularly in the absence of some type of shoulder harness.

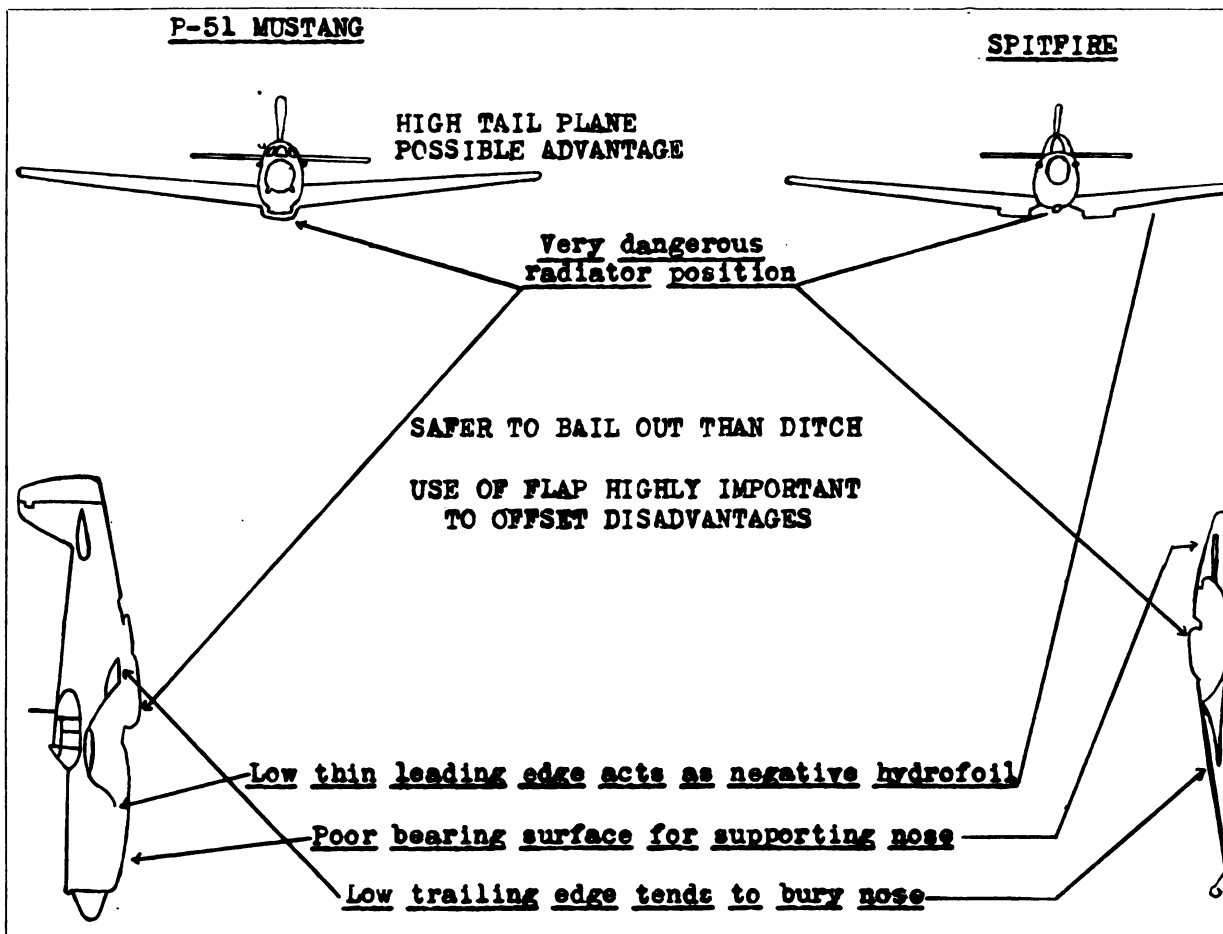
6. Since such aircraft have only one engine, failure immediately commits the pilot to ditching or to bailing out, which may not necessarily be the case in a multi-engined aircraft.

Ditch or Bail Out

Because most Army Air Force engined fighters are bad ditchers instruction to their pilots is to preference to ditching. This instruction does not preclude the committing himself to ditching attempt to reach a ship, and leave an enemy area. The instruction is similar. The pilot prefers to ditch its fighters but are able to achieve a relative ground speed of impact. They are also better acquainted with conditions and, thus, better with ditching technique. Since such have better ditching characteristics preference does not seem to the U. S. Army or the R. A. point.

Possible Improvements

1. Radiators should be situated forward in the nose or poss-



ding edge, as in the Mosquito. Obtain the most favorable hydro-shape and strength of the air-d skin compatible with operational requirements.

vision of large upper hatches, ttisonable.

vision of a seat which is so ar-that a parachute and pararaft worn comfortably.

vision of a clean cockpit with as rusions as possible.

tallation of an improved har-

ure the seat to withstand high tions.

TI-ENGINED BOMBERS

utstanding features of a multi-bomber which lend to its ad-ous ditching characteristics are: t the larger the aircraft, the he ditcher, with some excep-2) it usually has weak flaps in to the water loadings; (3) with ceptions more ditching stations lable because of the size of the ; and (4) a large scale emer-quipment may be carried in life wages.

ain disadvantages of bombers k bomb bay doors, weak nose in wheel doors, weak lower hatches, and hydrodynamically, use and tail structure.

Advantages Versus Disadvantages

the wing is set low, it shares act loadings with the fuselage; ice the wing is the main contri-o buoyancy, it supports the air- such a position that the fuse-not so liable to instant flooding. so is true of a low wing setting he wing section is thick although ion may be increased. If the as positive dihedral, the wing y to some extent be relieved of act loadings. If on a mid-wing , the engine nacelles protrude be- wing surface, they will also e impact loadings with the wing elage although this also may in- etardation.

e the wing is provided with bulk- s watertight integrity will main- oyancy which is naturally im- by the presence of empty fuel

ersely, where the wing is set e fuselage is called upon to bear

the brunt of the primary impact load- ings and sinks deeply before the wing buoyancy takes effect. Furthermore, a high wing aircraft is liable to be un- stable laterally on the water which will cause the aircraft to roll over sideways during ditching, particularly if the land- ing has been made crosswind. This dis- advantage may to some extent be offset by low underslung engines which, al- though not providing buoyancy, may give an upward lift to the wing during the early stages of ditching, particularly if the engines do not have low radiators and air intakes.

Fuselage.

The stronger the bomb bay doors, the better. It may not be possible, com- patible with operational requirements, to construct bomb bay doors of sufficient strength to completely resist collapse in normal ditchings. However, the very fact that they provide some resistance to water loadings will improve the ditch- ing characteristics.

The main disadvantage in the design of the fuselage of bombers can be at- tributed to the presence of bomb bay doors. When the aircraft strikes the water, they can generally be expected to collapse and allow the water to gain rapid entry to the fuselage. If the bomb bay extends deeply upward into the fuselage, the water in-rush has easier access to other portions of the aircraft. thus hastening flooding.

Bomb Bays.

All present British manufactured air- craft have shallow bomb bays with a robust bomb cell roof. Thus, the com- bined strength of t e bomb doors and bomb cell roof are superior in water resisting characteristics to the American form of deep bomb cell. If the aft bomb cell bulkhead slopes from forward to aft, it is better able to deflect the water in-rush from gaining further entry pro- viding it is sufficiently strong.

In several aircraft, the aft bomb bay bulkhead is in a relatively weak region; that is to say, aft of the trailing edge where a mid upper or lower turret may also be present, further weakening this area. When water gains entry via the bomb doors, it meets the aft bomb bay bulkhead and is liable to initate break- up in that region which is assisted by tail impact loadings. Furthermore, when the aircraft pitches forward, in-ertia loadings are set up resulting from

the turning moment about the pivoting point. A combination of these factors will often bring about complete fuse- lage fracture aft of the wing trail- ing edge, allowing the remainder of the fuselage to float in a very steep nose- down attitude, thus decreasing flota- tion time and complicating egress of the crew and launching of the life rafts.

Fuselage Shape.

The position of bomb bays is impor- tant. As in the case of the B-17 Fly- ing Fortress, the aft bomb bay bulkhead is well forward of the trailing edge. Although complete fracture of the fuse- lage has occurred in Fortress ditchings, available evidence shows that it occurs more frequently in Liberator, Halifax, and Lancaster ditchings in which the rear bomb bay bulkhead is aft of the trailing edge. This would seem to be due to the fact that although in the Fortress the water gains entry by the bomb doors, it does so in a strong part of the airframe. This good character- istic may be further improved by the fact that the tail is fine, having less tendency to impose severe impact load- ings near that point just aft of the trail- ing edge.

In contrast to the Hudson, the Lan- caster, and to a less extent the Fortress, have long noses. Providing the long nose is well shaped hydrody- namically, it will have a planing effect, thus resisting pitching. However, the resistance to pitching imposes high loadings on the nose, which will usually cause the nose wheel doors, the bomba- dier's window, and lower hatches to burst inward. Where loadings are very high complete collapse of the nose will result. Where water gains entry it will initiate local break-up and increase re- tardation. These loadings coupled with the resistance to pitching, may sever the nose from the fuselage.

There is not a great deal of evidence to show what effect height of horizontal stabilizers and rear fuselage shape have upon ditching characteristics, but Brit- ish reports indicate that a tail having little upward sweep and being flat in plan view may cause pitching when the tail strikes. Certain rear fuselage shapes may cause the tail to be sucked down on impact, as occurred in a full scale Liberator test.

If the under surface of the fuselage is curved with a short nose as in the Hud-

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B-17 FLYING FORTRESS



CLEAN UNDER SURFACES, except for turret

POINTED TAIL
LESS TENDENCY TO
BOUNCE UPWARD



Possibly medium low tail plane offsets this advantage

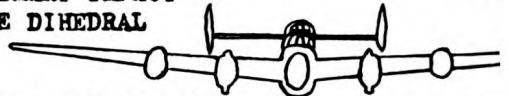
Mid under turret possible disadvantage

NOT A VERY LOW TRAILING EDGE
LESS TENDENCY TO BURY NOSE

Lack of bomb cell roof provides no further resistance to water entry

OUTER WING SECTIONS MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM PRIMARY IMPACT DUE TO POSITIVE DIHEDRAL

HALIFAX



MID THICK WING SHARES IMPACT POSSIBLY WITHOUT NEG. HYDROFOIL ACTION but wing thickness and low nacelles increase retardation, POSSIBLY GIVE SOME UPWARD SUPPORT.

CLEAN UNDER SURFACES

LOW BOMB BAY ROOF SHARES RESISTANCE TO WATER INRUSH WITH BOMB DOORS

High trailing edge less tendency to bury nose

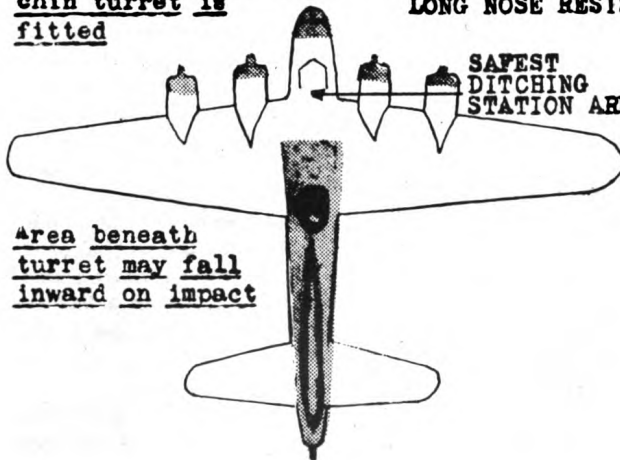
HIGH TAIL PLANE
LESS TENDENCY TO
BOUNCE UPWARD

ROUND LONG UPSWEPT NOSE
& REMOTE APPROACH TO
FLYING BOAT BOW but advantage eliminated if chin turret is fitted

BUOYANCY OF LOW WING SUPPORTS FUSELAGE THUS FACILITATING ESCAPE

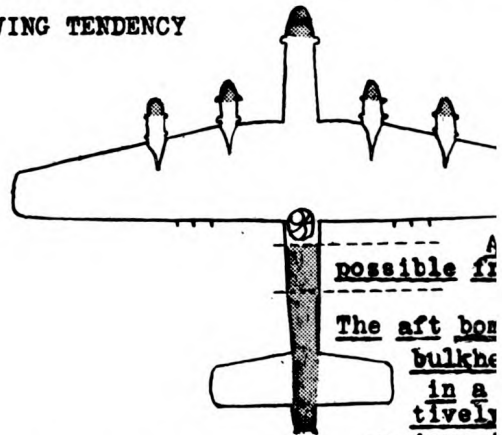
Flat tail
greater tendency to bounce up

LONG NOSE RESISTS DIVING TENDENCY



Area beneath turret may fall inward on impact

SAFEST DITCHING STATION AREA



possible fracture
The aft bomb bulkhead in a relatively region;

DENTING OF PLATES RELIEVES LOADINGS but fracture of plates increases retardation and may lead to general local breakup.

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Key: Water inrush
FAVORABLE
Unfavorable

WING PLANE DITCHING, PART II

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will be unstable fore and aft in

Stations.

Ditching stations are available along wing spars which run through the wing above the bomb bay. These are also good stations, provided they are not too weak and are strong enough to hold the wing in-rush.

Wings having pressurized cabins are likely to possess good fuselage integrity, but movement of the wing in-rush may be a more or less extent according to design.

Wings which are so constructed that crew members cannot speedily move from one end to the other (in wings where the navigator is completely separated from the rest of the aircraft) may require the setting up of safe ditching stations which are made completely impossible for some members of the crew.

Wings with upper turrets are situated above the flight deck or in the region of the ditching stations, they may prejudice the safety of the crewmen due to the fact that they may collapse inward on ditching. (Steps are being taken, however, to strengthen the supporting structure of such turrets.)

Exits.

On heavy bombers, it is possible to provide adequate exits on the basis of one exit for every three members of the crew. This desirable situation is not met in British heavy bombers, but is the case in their American counterparts; although steps are being taken to meet this requirement.

Ditching Stations To Offset Disadvantages

In deciding upon ditching stations, the following parts of the airframe should be given consideration: The wing, the weakest and most likely to break off on impact, the most remote from the water in-rush, and the near-est available upper exits.

The strongest part of the airframe is the fuselage of the center section.

The weakest parts are the rear end of the fuselage aft of the trailing edge which may completely break free, and the wing therefore be excluded as a station for ditching stations when

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Messages on Waterproof Cards Employed by Rescue Squadron 3

Two ideas for facilitating rescue have been suggested recently by Rescue Squadron Three, U. S. Pacific Fleet.

One is a waterproof card 3 by 4¾ inches attached to a 4- or 5-yard lanyard which is secured to a droppable raft. On it are printed the following instructions:

"Before Pulling Handle Place Loop as Shown (Over Shoulder, Around the Back and Under the Other Arm). This Lashes You to Raft. THEN PULL HANDLE."

This idea was developed as a result of experience with survivors in water who released the CO₂ inflation gear, and then allowed the raft to drift away before they could pull themselves aboard.

MESSAGE CARDS

The other idea has resulted in the printing on waterproof material two message cards 10 by 12½ inches to be dropped to survivors on a raft. One card gives prepared detailed instructions, and the other is for supplemental instructions. The instruction card is reproduced here as follows:

UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET AIR FORCE RESCUE SQUADRON THREE IMPORTANT

**YOU HAVE BEEN SIGHTED
BY RESCUE SQUADRON THREE.
FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS
AND YOUR RESCUE WILL BE
EXPEDITED THROUGH YOUR
COOPERATION.**

1. MAINTAIN IDENTIFICATION: If you will train dye markers, show smoke, use mirror, it will enable rescue craft to keep track of your position.

2. SIGNAL IF INJURED BADLY: By crossing arms across body. If uninjured, hold arms straight out at side. Rescue plane will acknowledge by dipping wings.

3. DO NOT USE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT NOT REQUIRED:

It may not be possible to pick you up at once so conserve your gear, particularly pyrotechnics, which are of little value by day.

4. PLAN FOR RESCUE:

You will be picked up by:

CIRCLE ONE: This Airplane.
Submarine. Seaplane. Surface Craft.

In approximately ----- (Minutes) (Hours). Approximate Bearing ----- Detailed instructions regarding cooperation expected of you for each type of rescue following. In each type of rescue remember: **REMOVE HELMET AS RESCUE CRAFT APPROACHES AND SECURE ALL FIREARMS.**

RESCUE

1. FLYING BOAT.

A. Favorable Sea.

1. Airplane will land; remember it is hard to keep you in sight when plane is on the water so **CONTINUE TO SIGNAL** by mirror or smoke.

2. **STAY CLEAR OF PROPELLERS** as a swell may wash you into them. It is recommended that you remain outboard of the wing tip floats. If one of the engines is cut, approach the plane between the wing tip float and the hull on the side of the cut engine.

3. A life preserver with a line will be thrown to you, or if you are incapacitated a man in a life raft with a line attached will guide you to the plane.

B. Unfavorable Sea.

1. This plane will report your position and arrange for you to be picked up by a submarine or surface craft.

2. This plane will drop provisions as required for your rescue. The equipment or supplies dropped will depend on the circumstances. Most of this equipment will be dropped with lines having floats to assist you in recovery. Check out in the use of all of your equipment.

LANDPLANE DITCHING, PART II

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3. Rescue Squadron THREE will stand by as necessary to direct your rescue by leading pick up craft to your position.
2. SEAPLANE (Cruiser or Battleship type).
- A. CONTINUE TO SIGNAL when plane is on water.
- B. If EXHAUSTED, swim or paddle outboard of wing tip float if forward of wing as swell may wash you into propellers. Crew will try to get you to the main float. DO NOT HOLD ONTO WING TIP FLOAT—DANGER OF CAPSIZING PLANE.
- C. If capable, swim or paddle to main float aft of wing.
- D. Plane may or may not have two-man crew. If only pilot aboard, you must be prepared to get into plane with little help.
- E. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLIMB FROM FLOATS TO WING UNTIL pilot or radio-man instructs you or you may capsize plane. Crew will give you verbal or hand signals.
- F. If seaplane is equipped with small life preserver and line, crew will show this so stand by for line throw.
3. SUBMARINE (Day).
1. CONTINUE TO SIGNAL preferably with mirror or smoke. Also dye marker can be seen.
2. If SUBMARINE SURFACES look for life preserver and line to be thrown.
3. If PERISCOPE TOW is desirable due to proximity of shore batteries.
- (a) Submarine will make pass at raft with periscope showing.
- (b) Have line ready to throw around periscope (remember if you miss on first pass, submarine cannot reverse course submerged and must make another circle). Best tow length 20 feet aft.
- (c) Do not secure line to periscope and raft unless it can be slipped quickly in case submarine dives.
- (d) Maintain surface and air-

possible. An exception to this may be where a pressurized compartment exists in the rear end. The *nose forward* of the *wing leading edge* is likely to be quickly flooded and may possibly break off.

Remoteness from water in-rush. This consideration excludes the nose region and any portion aft of the rear bomb bay bulkhead. On British shallow bomb bay aircraft, the most remote position is in the center section region. In American heavy bombers, the flight deck and the area above the bomb bay (Liberator) appear as the best choice. The Liberator flight deck is less safe than the deck above the bomb bay, provided an upper exit is present.

Nearness to available upper exits is an important consideration. It is vitally important that the crew should be braced against the impact, and the pilot must always be strapped in with shoulder harness. There are five forms of recommended ditching stations:

1. In a sitting position, back and head braced against a solid structure, such as at the rear of the wing spar, a well secured armored door, or bulkhead. If the head comes above the spar which is being used as a ditching station, it is very important that the head should be clasped in the hands with fingers firmly interlocked to avoid injury.

craft watch for submarine and signal to periscope if unfriendly aircraft or surface craft in vicinity.

- (e) Submarine will tow until safe to surface; MAINTAIN CONTACT THROUGH PERISCOPE.

SUBMARINE (Night).

1. WATCH for flares from submarine, answer them with flares, flashlight; LISTEN for whistle, answer with whistle, flares, or flashlight.
2. SHIELD FLASHLIGHT to maintain contact with approaching submarines without giving away operation to enemy.
4. SURFACE SHIP.
 - A. DAY: Best signal is smoke, then mirror, then dye marker.
 - B. NIGHT: Best, signal flares, then flashlight

The second card is marked for writing in additional d

2. In some aircraft, in British Liberator and ce transports, provision of (ditching belts secured acro lage to strong members of (have been provided. Th adopt the same attitude : strap as mentioned in para

3. Providing there is ava the body is laid upon the sid aircraft with the back aga and the head clasped in the

4. A less satisfactory diti is to lie on the floor with the rear and the feet braced ag structure. It is necessary knees bent to avoid injury possible. The limiting fac ditching station is the liat legs to fracture.

5. A compromise ditchin assumed as follows: one ma tion as in paragraph 1, but v drawn well up. The secon takes station with his back forward man's legs, clasping his hands. A cushion betw is advantageous.

Possible Improvements

NOTE.—Water loadings a that airframes are not like signed with strength sufficie collapse. The main objects : deflect water loadings by mu favorable external shape, an off bulkheads and wheel ho keeping general strength as compatible with operation ments, ditching characteris further improved.

1. Maintain the most favor dynamic shape and strength frame compatible with ope quirements.

2. Wherever possible, fro ing and crash viewpoint, the be set in a low or mid posit to the fuselage.

3. Avoid underslung radi

4. Provide manually an cally opened life raft stowa of holding *all* rescue emerge cured to the floor of the raft

5. Provide ditching straps quate ditching stations are able.

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A Part of Navy's Survival Training for Aviators

THE WATER SURVIVAL PHASE

ing ability is vital for sur- is a life-insurance policy that lends in an emergency. Skill g one's self in a water disaster ed to be a military require- peacetime it is regarded as a , a physical conditioner, a petitive sport, and a social However, during war the pilot escape through burning oil dressed carrier, drop from his into the water and inflate his when injured, extricate him- the cockpit of his sinking m through heavy seas to res- ended mate, administer arti- piration to the apparently or perform a combination of s, is using a technique equally ant as his ability to fly his ombat.

t reason the Navy demands flier be a well-trained swim- at during an emergency over can perform his skills auto- under the most adverse con- Vartime aquatics involve in- for the future needs of men be forced to abandon ship, have to crash land or para- water, and individuals who wamp and river regions or hrough treacherous surf to shore. When a Naval Avia- receives his Wings, he has wimming examination which t he can swim 880 yards in g, perform a life-saving carry ds, and demonstrate in deep releases from the front and holds.

T. Ward, former Director of Training, says *"Sports are raining device in the physical program for Naval Aviation athematics and physics are academic courses and ord- gunnery are employed in the ucation for cadets. Physical as made an integral part of g plan and is continued pro- throughout the entier train- tion cadets."* The program ion for Naval pilots, like the Sea Survival Training dis-

cussed in the No. 4 Issue of the AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN, is started in the early phases of cadet training. Swimming ability is not a prerequisite for application and acceptance as a prospective Navy pilot. Therefore, some 25 percent of the men entering Naval Aviation cannot swim at all, while others merely need to develop their endurance, and adjust the basic swimming technique to wartime requirements. Navy men who were not able to stay afloat in water even for 5 minutes when entering the program have been known to pass the test required for pilots after 12 weeks of instruction and practice.

Progressive Program

The basic and elementary instruction starts in the Pre-Flight School, and as the cadet moves from one station to the next, the swimming program includes skills progressively more difficult. The minimum requirements of the men are measured by tests to determine the extent to which the skills have been mastered and to check the efficiency of the instruction. During or upon completion of the various phases of the Naval Aviation Program, the cadet must have achieved the following minimum requirements:

Pre-Flight Schools

C, D, B, and A Tests required.

"D" Test: Float, tread or swim for 5 minutes.

"C" Test: Swim continuously for 80 yards, demonstrating correct form in the elementary back breast, side and overhand strokes. Each stroke is performed for 20 yards.

"B" Test:

1. Swim continuously for 200 yards, using the breast, side, elementary back and over-arm strokes. Time limit 5 minutes, 20 seconds.
2. Perform a tired swimmer carry for 60 feet.
3. From a surface dive, swim 20 feet underwater.

"A" Test:

1. Tow a person of own approximate weight by any carry,

except tired swimmer carry, for a distance of 60 feet.

2. From surface dive, swim under water for a distance of 60 feet.
3. Demonstrate correct performance of the prone pressure method of artificial respiration.
4. Jump into the pool from 10 feet height, swim for 50 yards, wearing shirt and trousers.
5. Swim continuously for one-half mile, using any stroke or combination of strokes. If pool arrangements make the distance swim impractical, 40 minutes of continuous swimming may be substituted.

Primary Training Stations

AA Test required.

"AA" Test:

1. Swim 880 yards, wearing shirt and trousers.
2. Perform a life-saving carry for 100 yards.
3. Demonstrate in deep water, the releases from the front and back neck holds.

Intermediate Training Centers

AAA Test required.

"AAA" Test:

1. Swim 1 mile.
2. Tow or push a person who is on an improvised float for 220 yards.

Operational Training and Fleet Tests

Maintenance test required once every 2 months.

Maintenance Test: Swim 440 yards in 15 minutes.

The instruction in all phases of the program is carried out by a combination of lecture, demonstration, and actual participation, with emphasis upon the practice element of the training. Visual aids, such as motion pictures, film strips, and photographs are used wherever applicable.

Cadets are assigned to classes according to their ability, such as basic or

advanced, or beginners and qualified. A second method of assignment may divide the men into three groups: namely, nonswimmer, intermediate, and advanced. The more advanced swimmers may be able to devote a portion of their scheduled time to water sports and competitive swimming, while the less experienced swimmers learn the basic strokes and develop their aquatic skill.

The standards of achievement set up for each phase of the Naval Aviation Program are merely a guide for measuring the development of the swimmers' ability and endurance. Check-out tests determine more specifically the survival and life-saving techniques they have acquired during the instructional periods.

Pre-Flight Training

In the Pre-Flight Phase of Water Survival the cadet learns largely the techniques involved in abandoning ship. Tests simulate battle conditions as much as possible. By the time a cadet has completed his training in this stage, he will be able to perform proficiently all the basic swimming strokes, swim fully clothed, rescue a drowning victim, and assist a tired swimmer to safety. Water safety instructions include the famed "Shirt Tail Flotation" techniques, or clothing skills. In the event of an emergency a pilot may find himself adrift sans the support of life jacket, rubber raft, or other buoyant equipment. Training emphasizes that every man who is clothed is also equipped with material for making his own life preserver. Almost any article of clothing can be used, and pillow slips, mattress covers, helmets, sea bags, bed sheets also may serve as emergency support. The idea is to capture an air pocket or bubble which will surprisingly enough provide buoyancy for several hours' flotation.

There are several methods designed to use the shirt for flotation. One is to jump into the water with the shirt tail held away from the body so that it will fill with air during the descent. Neck and sleeves must be closed. Another is for the swimmer already in the water. He may tuck the outside of his collar in, fasten all buttons, and then tuck his shirt tails into his trousers leaving room for an air pocket. Next he takes a deep breath, bends forward and by blowing into the two front buttons creates an air bubble across his shoulders that will keep him afloat. Thirdly, the cadet may

remove his shirt and put it on backwards. Both hands grasp the tail of the shirt, lift it above the water and quickly draw it down to catch a pocket of air. The trainee must then lean back into a floating position quickly to prevent the air from leaking out by the way of the collar. There are other means of using the shirt for inflation—some more complicated and others less detailed.

Trousers may also be inflated in a variety of ways. Perhaps the most common is, after carefully removing the trousers, to secure all buttons and tie a single knot in the end of each trouser leg. The swimmer then inserts his hands inside the waist with palms turned inward. Air is trapped by drawing the trouser waist down on the water surface. He can also blow them up orally under water or simply fill them with air by cupping his hand and pumping in air bubbles. There are others, and the pilot must be able to inflate his shirt and trousers both in two ways before he can "check-out."

Floating debris will also provide welcome support. The secret lies in the fact that only a minimum of pressure may be put upon it.

Instruction at Primary

The checkout tests of survival techniques listed below for the Primary Phase of the program illustrate how the pilot progresses.

Checkout No. 1. Swim under water 25 feet, wearing shirt and trousers.

Checkout No. 2. One-quarter mile swim.

Checkout No. 3. Demonstrate methods of treading water for 5 minutes (hands alone 1 minute, feet alone 1 minute, hands and feet 3 minutes).

Checkout No. 4. Demonstrate fireman and saddle back carries.

Checkout No. 5. Demonstrate methods of separating two people.

Checkout No. 6. Board a rubber boat; help another person aboard.

Checkout No. 7. Swim 50 yards wearing a life jacket.

Checkout No. 8. Climb and descend cargo net, Jacob's Ladder or line.

A downed airman must be able to submerge for a period of time in order to avoid strafing of enemy aircraft, and in addition, the ability to swim under water may be very helpful when trying to escape through a surface covered with burning oil. Another phase of this training period teaches the pilot the correct

method of going over the side carrier or transport ship in the event of a disaster. Survivors should be rescued over the side by a cargo net, lines provided at all abandonments. Cadets are trained in the proper method of descent, and if the means are not available during the disaster they are also taught the proper way to jump as a last resort. Primary, the men are introduced to rubber rafts and given preliminary training in how to board the rafts. Survivor accounts tell of men who, after fully ditching their planes, without injury, and being rescued later in critical condition because they were unable to climb aboard.

Intermediate Instruction

During the intermediate instruction, the pilots receive training in the proper use of their emergency equipment during an overwater ditching. They learn the proper water ditching technique for abandoning aircraft. Cadets get a taste of what it feels like to get a plane down in the water and pitch into the pool in a "Ditcher." This training device is carried from the cockpit of a SNJ-3 with shoulder straps and seat belts. The machine is catapulted down the foot ramp at a 45° angle to the water at the rate of 20 miles per hour. It strikes the water, an autoroller flops the cockpit over and traps the pilot in the water upside-down. Within 15 seconds the pilot extricates himself from his safety belt, parachute, and shoulder strap (which has little value by keeping his head from smashing against the instrument panel and cockpit cover), swims to the surface, and boards his rubber raft.

At the Primary Station, cadets are trained to board their rubber rafts. In advanced training at Intermediate Station, the pilots receive instruction in the method of inflation, and mechanical operation, inflation, and mechanical operation of the latest models of pneumatic rafts. They are instructed in the use of the back pad kit and the back pad kits with larger rafts, such as the Mae West, gear, oars, knife, inflation pump, and Care, test, inflation, adjustment of the "Mae West" is taught in a demonstration, and actual practice.

A pilot's training is not complete until he has had training in bail-out into water. Lectures and practical cover all features involved

SURVIVAL AQUATICS IN ARMY AIR FORCES

Army Air Forces personnel are required to have training in Survival Aquatics as outlined in AAF Letter 50-57, dated 12 October 1944. The water survival instruction is given under the provisions of Army Air Forces Regulation 50-14, "Physical Training."

Skills taught in the AAF program include the elementary and basic swimming strokes, modified swimming simulating injury, escape through and under simulated unignited and burning oil, defense against strafing, artificial flotation with inflated clothing and debris, abandoning ship by nets, ladders, and lines, use of rubber rafts and life jackets, lifesaving carries, artificial respiration, and escape from a parachute harness.

Basic texts for the swimming program are FM 21-22 "Watermanship," American Red Cross Manuals, and Pilot's Information File.

HELICOPTER SCHOOL

The first military helicopter training school has been established by the AAF at Freeman Field, Ind. (*Tech Talk*, Air Force, October 1944).

BACK STIFFENER

Back type parachutes may get a new form-fitting, flexible back stiffener to defeat complaints that present types lose their stiffness (*Tech Talk*, Air Force, October 1944).

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6. Provide an adequate number of ditching exits in the region of ditching stations.

7. Secure the pilot's seat to withstand a minimum of 10 G's at least, and any other seats which must be occupied in ditching with adequate shoulder harness.

8. Whenever possible, design flaps to collapse on water impact without causing pitching.

9. Secure all gear such as radio, fire extinguishers, hatchets, etc., to withstand at least 10 G's.

training, because in my estimation it undoubtedly is a *great* lifesaver."

FILM REVIEWS

Ditch and Live (TF 1-3385 or MA-4489). This training film, produced by the First Motion Picture Unit of the Army Air Force, is designed to instruct all airmen in the importance of thorough knowledge of correct ditching procedure. The film first points out very graphically what can happen in the event of ditching by showing an improperly trained crew who were forced to ditch their plane. Only one man, the copilot, is fortunate enough to survive. He profits by this experience and later when he is made pilot of a B-17 he realizes that it is his responsibility as pilot to properly train his crew to meet a ditching emergency. On days when the plane is grounded by bad weather he carefully drills his men in the technique of ditching and the use of equipment.

During dry drills the crew members learn the contents of the various types of emergency kits, the method of releasing the life rafts, and their assigned duties when the ditching signal is given. Each man is shown going through his own particular task, such as jettisoning the ammunition, sending the radio distress signals, assembling the emergency equipment, and bracing himself for the impact. Animated shots illustrate how the crew members perform their duties simultaneously and assume their ditching stations.

The wet drills, performed on a mock-up model of the plane, are the next phase of the advanced preparation of the crew. They are taught how to abandon the plane, how to board the life raft, how to right it should it be overturned, and the proper procedure to follow after boarding the raft in order to facilitate rescue.

To emphasize the value of the training the crew is shown in a simulated forced landing at sea when returning from a bombing mission. The pilot selects his landing spot with relation to the velocity and direction of the wind and the conditions of the sea. Each man automatically performs his duties and all members of the crew quickly leave the plane, board the rafts, and are subsequently rescued.

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departure, descent, and landing. In the use of oxygen when from high altitudes is in-
The parachute is the pilot's ration ticket to the water so he how to care for it to insure will function properly when he s into space.

ity to shed the parachute har- getting fouled up in the shroud s proved fatal to potential Air ue customers. Training and given at the Navy schools have dited with saving lives in "tes- s" of survivors who bailed out. r to "check-out," a pilot must ccessfully made a minimum of mps into water. The test, made parachute harness suspended water, includes:

a swinging action the cadet ricate himself from his para- within a limited time as follows: ease leg harness snaps. ease chest snaps. Hold straps r unsnapped. ease himself for fall by raising ead.

ation of the life jacket follow- ll into water.

l toggles on life jacket to in- late life jacket (to avoid de- and permit pilot to swim under here necessary—strafing, oil, ris).

merge feet first, swim under- or a distance of 25 feet.

late life jacket by mouth.

im to end of pool or 50 yards.

ilots appreciate this training. owling letter is one of many from sincerely grateful Navy

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I would like to express my eat gratitude at having been ough to have had the oppor- o take this course. From bail- eing picked up by a rescue boat, what to expect, and what is portant, exactly what to do. d to do away with all panic and a lot of confidence in myself. y hope that every flier has this e opportunity in taking this

NEW AIR SEA RESCUE REPORT

Adopted by Navy

REQUIRING DITCHING DETAIL

The new Navy form Navaer—1941(10-44), Air Sea Rescue Report, printed below replaces Form 852 for inter ditching survivors. This report is comprehensive in that it may be answered briefly and concisely with the exceptive "Narrative" section which demands a detailed account of the entire incident.

The information obtained is intended to assist engineers improving aircraft design to withstand the impact of d to aid personnel engaged in the development and production of emergency equipment to determine the adequacy of gear; and to help survival instructors gather valuable material to emphasize in their training programs.

AIR SEA RESCUE REPORT

NAVAER—1941(10-44)

INSTRUCTIONS—This report shall be executed by the ACI Officer and forwarded via the Commanding Officer of the unit where the survivor(s) first become available for interrogation. Originate in triplicate—send original only to Navy Department, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Air Intelligence Group (OP-16-V), Washington 25, D. C., and the duplicate to COMAIRPAC or COMAIRLANT.

Answers to questions should be complete and concise with any supplemental information, explanation or comment covered fully in the "Narrative" section. A statement from the Aviation Equipment Officer is desirable in all cases and is required whenever defective equipment is reported.

										Security classification	
Identification		Aircraft model		Bureau No.		Activity aircraft assigned			Activity submitting report		
Departure Data		Point		Mission		Time	Date	No. aboard	Fuel (gal)	Cargo (lb.)	B
Decision to land		Location		Altitude	Time	Date	Cause				
Physical conditions		Weather	Visibility	Moon	Clouds	Wind velocity	Wind direction	Sea con			
		Wave height	Swells		Ft.	Crest to crest	Ft.	crest to trough	Ft.	angle to sea	°, angle to wind

Preparation for ditching:

Distress signal transmitted					DR Position			DF Fix obt		
Time	Date	Altitude	I. F. F.	Frequencies						
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Transmitted	<input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledged		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other distress procedure employed			Bomb door position		Wheel position		Prop. feathered		Flap settin	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed	<input type="checkbox"/> Up	<input type="checkbox"/> Down	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Approach	In
Load jettisoned					Engines used			Speed		
Fuel (gal.)	Cargo (lb.)	Bombs (lb.)	Equipment (lb.)		On approach	On landing	On approach	On land		
Number parachuted		Type parachute		Remarks covering landings						

Aircraft ditched:

Angle of plane relative to—			Impact violence		Slew noted		Water shipp	
Wind	Swells	Waves	First	Second	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, when	Volume	Leak
Number immersed		Escape hatches			Number aboard drilled in a/s rescue		Plane damage noted	
Crew	Others	Functioning	No. used	No. jammed	No. submerged			
Personnel		In ditching position	Out of ditching position	Plane sank				
				<input type="checkbox"/> Nose first	<input type="checkbox"/> Tail first	<input type="checkbox"/> Broke		
Killed				Part last sunk				
Escaped				Time last sinking				

Survival equipment: List separately items of available equipment worn in the water and those used while adrift and/or lost and for each cover any difficulty experienced, suggested remedies, recommended additions or substitutions and possible improvements to equipment.

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Contributing most to survival		Item contributing most to rescue				Last equipment inspection date		
Dropped from & sur. craft	Plane or vessel identification	Time	Date	Height dropped (ft.)	Difficulty retrieving	Condition of item retrieved		Value of assistance
						Intact	Damage—Nature & Ext.	

Total supply per person	Daily ration per person	Date exhausted	Supplemented by	Recommendations

Best equipment used in traveling by sea or land, including improvised equipment. Describe hazards encountered and means of overcoming. For land travel, type of terrain, purpose and duration of camp sites and the helpfulness or hostility of natives contacted.

Medical health:

Name	Nature of case and portion affected	When developed	Cause	Severity	Treatment or aid given	Survivor's condition

Air and surface:

Identification station	Distance sighted	Time	Date	Position	Causes of failure

Signaling devices available, those used, and those which would have been desirable.

Conditions:

Number picked up				Casualties	
Original craft	Delivered to	By craft summoned	Delivered to	Dead	Ill—Injured

Additional craft involved		Difficulties experienced in effecting transfer(s):
Identification	Position	

Survivor suggestions:	Suggestions by O-IN-C rescue:	
Narrative: Make this section a full summation of the entire incident with appropriate emphasis on circumstances, conditions, equipment efficiency and tions. Include a brief chronological account of search and/or rescue operations conducted. If practicable, trace the course of communications and by rescuing agencies. Use separate blank sheets for continuation and attach securely to this report.		
Date	Signed	
Forwarded:		
Comment:		
Date	Signed	USN (), comm

METHODS FOR LOCATING SURVIVORS

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a smoke pot overboard or by observing the smallest waves, which will go with the wind. The wind force may be estimated from a plane by observing the white caps and wind streaks on the ocean surface (see table 1). An estimate of the direction and force of the wind at the sea surface from the plane prior to ditching is invaluable in determining the initial drift at the time of ditching. If none of these wind reports are available, the wind must be estimated from weather charts or from exposed island stations in the vicinity. Outside the tropics, the wind velocity at the sea surface can be obtained from the distance between isobars on a synoptic weather chart. Use appropriate meteorological tables to determine the gradient wind, and multiply the value so obtained by 0.65 to obtain the velocity at the sea surface. The wind direction may be estimated from the course of the isobars by applying the rule that the wind deviates 80° to the right of the pressure gradient in the Northern Hemisphere and 80° to the left in the Southern Hemisphere. In the tropics, the wind direction and velocity must be obtained from observations made on shipboard or at exposed island stations.

3. A separate vector diagram must be drawn to obtain the vector representing the current divergence caused by the local wind. Plot on a separate sheet a vector (fig. 3) representing the current caused by the local wind in the direction indicated in table 2. If the

velocity of the local wind is given in knots, assume that the velocity of the current is 3½ percent of the wind velocity; if the Beaufort force of the local wind is used, obtain the velocity of the wind current from table 3. From table 3 obtain the velocity of the current caused by a wind with the Beaufort force of the nearest average wind arrow shown on the survival chart. Draw a vector (fig. 3-b) of this magnitude in the direction indicated in table 2 from the same point as the vector for the local wind current. The vector (fig. 3-c) drawn from the end of the average wind current vector to the end of the local wind current vector represents the direction and amount of current divergence.

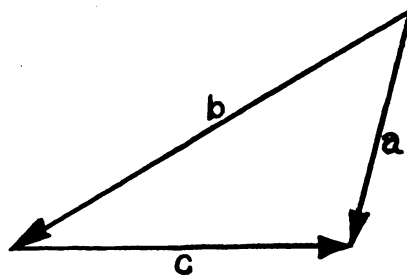


FIGURE 3.—Determination of current divergence caused by the local wind: (a) Current caused by local wind; (b) current caused by average wind; (c) current divergence.

4. From the end of the current vector plotted in 1, draw the current divergence vector determined in 3.

5. From plate II on page 25, determine the leeway of the raft caused by the local wind and draw a vector of this

magnitude in a downward from the end of the vector d. If it is not known whether a used by survivors on the raft way vectors should be drawn end of the current divergence determine the probable position raft with or without a drogue example 5.)

6. The direction and amount in the first 24 hours after represented by the vector connecting original and final points of diagram.

Examples:

1. If the streamlines on the indicate a steadiness of less than cent, omit both the current and the current divergence vector. Instead a vector representing the caused by the local wind as c from table 3, with the direction indicated in table 2. (See example 2.)

2. When there is no local average current is affected a be if the local wind was in the direction from the average wind fore, if the local wind has been absent for 24 hours, omit the local vector from the vector diagram a current divergence vector in site direction from the average current; that is, determine the of the current caused by the wind from table 3, and draw of this magnitude from the end average current vector in the direction from that indicated (See example 3.)

ft on subsequent days is deter-
 the same way, starting with
 ated position of the raft at the
 e preceding day. (See exam-

ivival charts do not apply dur-
 er and April, but estimates of
 nts during these months can
 made by comparing the winter
 mer charts for the same re-
 the two charts agree reason-
 a fair estimate of the current
 obtained. However, in regions
 e charts do not agree, variable
 s may be expected during
 ths; in such areas assume that
 ge current has a steadiness of
 25 percent and determine the
 rrent from the local wind with
 of tables 2 and 3.

ABLE POSITION ERROR

sition of the point about which
 h is to be conducted is always
 o uncertainty. Not only is the
 position uncertain because of
 gational errors of the ditched
 l of the search planes, but there
 al probable errors in the esti-
 ft of the raft and these will
 rogressive increase in the size
 arch area with the passage of
 he probable error in position
 ssumed to be equal to the total
 t divided by 8, plus the com-
 vigational errors of the ditched
 d the search planes.

obable error of the position at
 times may be shown on a large
 rt or plotting sheet by drawing
 with a radius equal to the
 d probable error around the cal-

culated raft position at the beginning
 of the drift and at the end of each 24-
 hour period after ditching, and draw-
 ing tangents to these circles. The
 probable error at any time may then
 be determined by describing a circle
 tangent to the boundary lines about the
 appropriate point along the line of
 drift.

EXAMPLES

EXAMPLE 1.

*Ditching position based on a naviga-
 tional fix; average current with a stead-
 iness greater than 25 percent; local wind
 force and direction different from aver-
 age wind force and direction.*

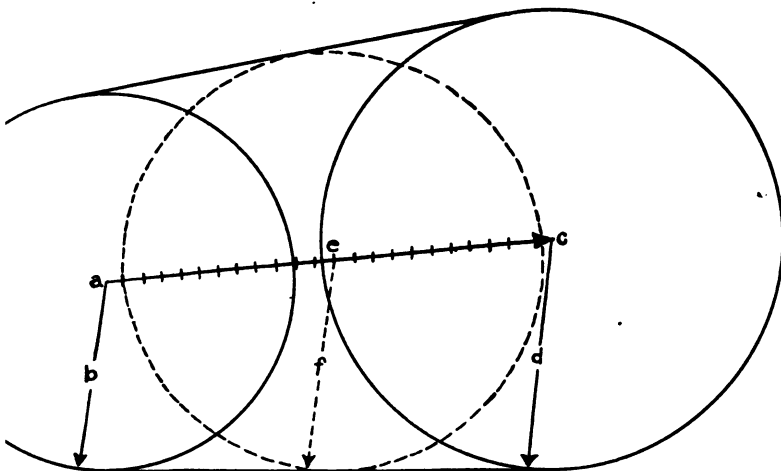
In July, a pilot reports that he is
 ditching at latitude 12°10' N., longitude
 147°10' E. He reports an estimated sur-
 face wind of Beaufort 4 from the north-
 east. It is assumed that a drogue will
 be streamed to retard raft drift.

Search Radius at Time of Ditching

Probable error of position	14 miles.
Search radius (from plate I) :	
First search	16 miles.
Second search	22 miles.
Third search	28 miles.
Fourth search	32 miles.
Fifth search	35 miles.

*Determination of Search Area at End
 of 24 Hours*

Average current (from survival chart S12-17, May-September) :	
Direction	273°.
Velocity	10 miles per day.
Steadiness	75-100%.



—Probable error of position : (a) Ditching position ; (b) probable error of ditching
 1 ; (c) position at end of 24 hours ; (d) probable error of position at end of 24 hours ;
 position at end of 12 hours ; (f) probable error of position at end of 12 hours.

Average wind (from sur-
 vival chart) :

Direction toward
 which it blows..... 280°.
 Force..... Beaufort 1.

Local wind :

Direction toward
 which it blows..... 225°.
 Force..... Beaufort 4.

Vector Directions and Magnitudes

1. Average current :
 Direction..... 273°.
 Magnitude..... 10 miles.
2. Current caused by lo-
 cal wind :
 Direction (from
 table 2)..... 255°.
 Magnitude (from
 table 3)..... 11 miles.
3. Current caused by
 average wind :
 Direction (from
 table 2)..... 310°.
 Magnitude (from
 table 3)..... 2 miles.



4. Current divergence :
 Direction..... 246°.
 Magnitude..... 10 miles.
5. Leeway :
 Direction..... 225°.
 Magnitude (from plate
 II)..... 9 miles.
 (NOTE : See ill. on next page.)
6. Probable drift :
 Direction..... 250°.
 Distance..... 27 miles.

Search Radius at End of 24 Hours

Probable error of position ($\frac{27}{8} + 14$)	17 miles.
Search radius (from plate I) :	
First search	19 miles.
Second search	27 miles.
Third search	34 miles.
Fourth search	38 miles.
Fifth search	43 miles.

EXAMPLE 2.

*Ditching position based on a naviga-
 tional fix; average current with a stead-
 iness less than 25 percent; local wind
 force and direction different from aver-
 age wind force and direction.*

In August, a pilot reports that he is
 ditching at latitude 8°12' N., longitude
 143°30' E. The raft on his plane is not
 equipped with a drogue. Reports from
 ships and island stations in the vicinity
 indicate a wind from the northeast with
 a velocity of 10 knots.

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Search Radius at Time of Ditching

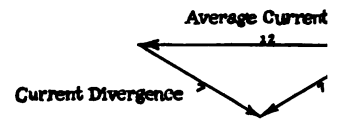
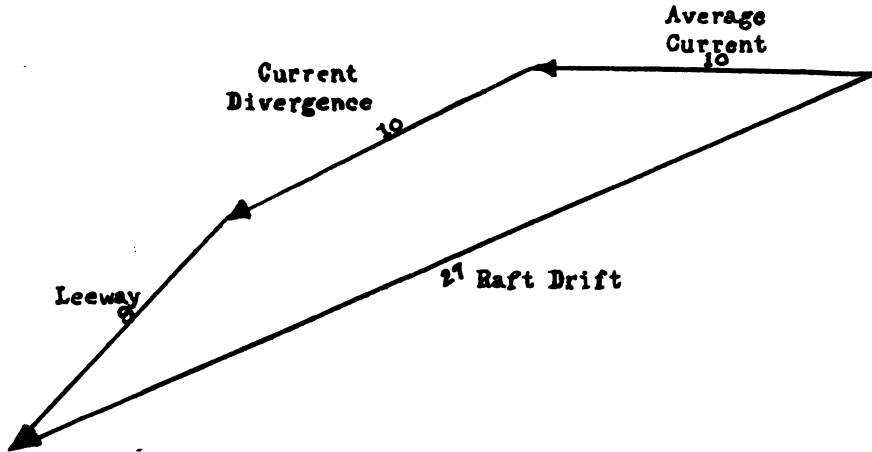
Probable error of position	14 miles.
Search radius (from plate I) :	
First search	16 miles.
Second search	22 miles.
Third search	28 miles.
Fourth search	32 miles.
Fifth search	35 miles.

3. Current caused by average wind: Omit.
4. Current divergence: Omit.
5. Leeway :
 Direction..... 225°.
 Magnitude (from plate II) 20 miles.
6. Probable drift :
 Direction..... 225°
 Distance..... 28 miles

Average wind (from survival chart)
 Direction toward which it blows..... 270
 Force..... Beaufort
 Local wind: None.

Vector Directions and Magnitudes

1. Average current :
 Direction..... 270
 Magnitude..... 12
2. Current caused by local wind :
3. Current caused by average wind
 Direction (from table 2). 300
 Magnitude (from table 3) 7 n
4. Current divergence :
 Direction (reciprocal of 300°)..... 120
 Magnitude..... 7 n
5. Leeway: None.



6. Probable drift :
 Direction..... 240
 Distance..... 7 n

Determination of Search Area at End of 2 1/2 Hours

Average current (from survival chart S12-2-40, May-September) :
 Direction..... 230°.
 Velocity..... 6 miles per day.
 Steadiness..... 0-25%.

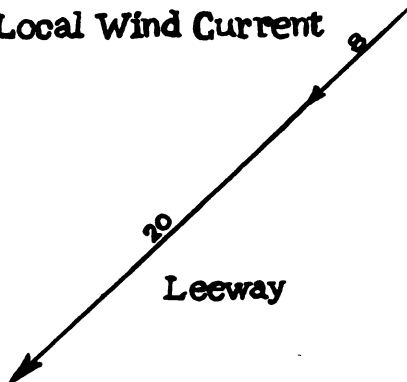
Average wind (from survival chart) :
 Direction toward which it blows..... 276°.
 Force..... Beaufort 1.

Local wind :
 Direction toward which it blows..... 225°.
 Velocity..... 10 knots.

Vector Directions and Magnitudes

1. Average current : Omit.
2. Current caused by local wind :
 Direction (from table 2) 225°.
 Magnitude (3 1/4% of 10 x 24) 8 miles.

Local Wind Current



Search Radius at End of 2 1/2 Hours

Probable error of position	
($\frac{28}{8} + 14$)	18 miles.
Search radius (from plate I) :	
First search	20 miles.
Second search	29 miles.
Third search	36 miles.
Fourth search	41 miles.
Fifth search	45 miles.

EXAMPLE 3.

Ditching position based on a navigational fix; average current with a steadiness greater than 25 percent; no local wind.

In September, a pilot reports that he is ditching at latitude 12°55' N., longitude 168°20' E., and that a calm prevails in the area.

Search Radius at Time of Ditching

Probable error of position	14 miles.
Search radius (from plate I) :	
First search	16 miles.
Second search	22 miles.
Third search	28 miles.
Fourth search	32 miles.
Fifth search	35 miles.

Determination of Search Area at End of 2 1/2 Hours

Average current (from survival chart S12-19, May-September) :
 Direction..... 270°.
 Velocity..... 12 miles per day.
 Steadiness..... 50-75%.

Search Radius at End of 2 1/2 Hours

Probable error of position	
($\frac{28}{8} + 14$)	15
Search radius (from plate I) :	
First search	17
Second search	24
Third search	30
Fourth search	34
Fifth search	38

EXAMPLE 4.

Ditching position unknown

A plane takes off from No land at 0600 on 15 August Guam. It is due at that d at 1130. The plane has been since it last reported at 0700 following its course by dead It is assumed that the crew use a drogue after ditching.

The following tables and illustrate the probable error ditching area and the search the end of the first and sec The search areas are calcul 24-hour drift from any point track of the plane and nec altered if the search planes same direction and at the s as the ditched plane; if t planes fly in the opposite direc ever, the amount of drift f point must be decreased or in take into account the time, r ditching, that the search plane each point along the line of

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Determination of Search Area at End of 24 Hours

Ditching position:									
Latitude base.....	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000
Latitude.....	1°43'	3°06'	4°28'	5°50'	7°23'	8°33'	9°56'	11°18'	12°40'
Longitude.....	136°43'	137°40'	138°38'	139°33'	140°31'	141°28'	142°26'	143°22'	144°20'
Error of ditching (5 percent of distance from base).....	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Current (from surcharts SSA-10-1, 0, S12-17, May-ber):									
Direction.....	70°	90°	90°	100°	180°	230°	270°	270°	270°
Speed in miles.....	10	30	20	8	3	5	12	8	7
Steadiness.....	25-50	50-75	75-100	25-50	0-25	0-25	50-75	50-75	75-100
Wind (from survival chart):									
Direction.....	67°	67°	67°	67°	276°	276°	290°	290°	290°
Force.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Wind (from plane and charts):									
Direction.....	90°	67°	22°	Calm	337°	315°	292°	270°	270°
Force.....	3	2	2		2	2	3	4	5
Current caused by local wind (from table 1).....	90°	67°	22°	None	337°	315°	292°	300°	300°
Speed in miles (from table 1).....	7	4	4		4	4	7	11	16
Current caused by average current (from table 1).....	67°	67°	67°	67°	Omit	Omit	290°	320°	320°
Speed in miles (from table 1).....	2	2	2	2			2	2	2
Current divergence (from diagram):									
Direction.....	98°	67°	353°	247°	Omit	Omit	290°	296°	298°
Speed in miles.....	5	2	3	2			5	9	14
Current (downwind) in miles (from table 1).....	90°	67°	22°	None	337°	315°	292°	270	270°
Speed.....	18	13	13		13	13	18	22	25
Drift (from vector diagram):									
Direction.....	86°	83°	59°	110°	337°	315°	284°	276°	278°
Speed in miles.....	33	44	29	6	17	17	34	38	45
Position at end of 24 hours:									
Latitude.....	1°45'	3°10'	4°40'	5°47'	7°29'	8°48'	10°03'	11°23'	12°46'
Longitude.....	137°16'	138°24'	139°02'	139°39'	140°22'	141°14'	141°51'	142°43'	143°34'
Error of position in feet plus probable (ditching position).....	14	21	24	26	32	37	44	50	56
Distance in miles for first search (from plate I).....	16	23	27	29	35	41	49	55	62

Determination of Search Area at End of 48 Hours

Ditching position:									
Latitude base.....	200	300	400	500	600	700	800	900	1000

(Tables continued on page 24)

EXAMPLE 5.

Ditching position based on a navigational fix; average current with a steadiness greater than 25 percent; local wind force and direction different from average wind force and direction; no information cause of drogue.

In December a pilot reports that he is ditching at latitude 10°10' N., longitude 126°30' E. The surface wind in the vicinity is blowing from the northwest with a velocity of 15 knots. It is uncertain whether or not a drogue will be streamed.

Search Radius at Time of Ditching

Probable error of position... 14 miles.

Search radius (from plate I):

- First search..... 16 miles.
- Second search..... 22 miles.
- Third search..... 28 miles.
- Fourth search..... 32 miles.
- Fifth search..... 35 miles.

Determination of Search Area at End of 24 Hours

Average current (from survival chart S-8B-4, November-March):

- Direction..... 180°.
- Velocity..... 14 miles per day.
- Steadiness..... 75-100%.

Average wind (from survival chart):

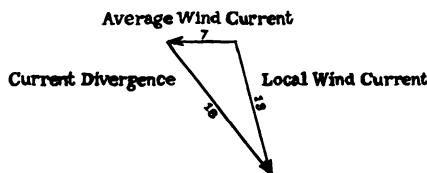
- Direction toward which it blows..... 240°.
- Force..... Beaufort 3.

Local wind:

- Direction toward which it blows..... 135°.
- Velocity..... 15 knots.

Vector Directions and Magnitudes

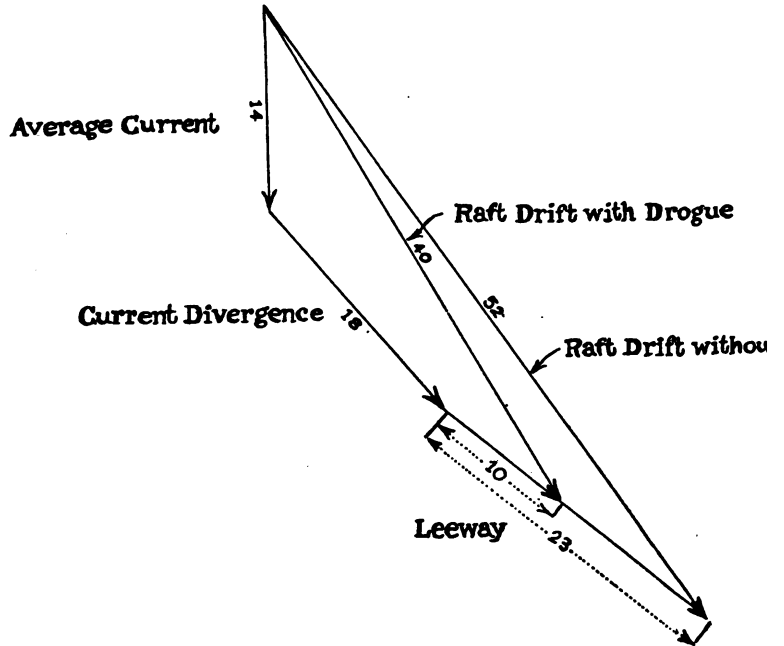
1. Average current:
 - Direction..... 180°.
 - Magnitude..... 14 miles.
2. Current caused by local wind:
 - Direction (from table 2) 165°.
 - Magnitude (3½% of 15 × 24)..... 13 miles.
3. Current caused by average wind:
 - Direction (from table 2) 270°.
 - Magnitude (from table 3) 7 miles.



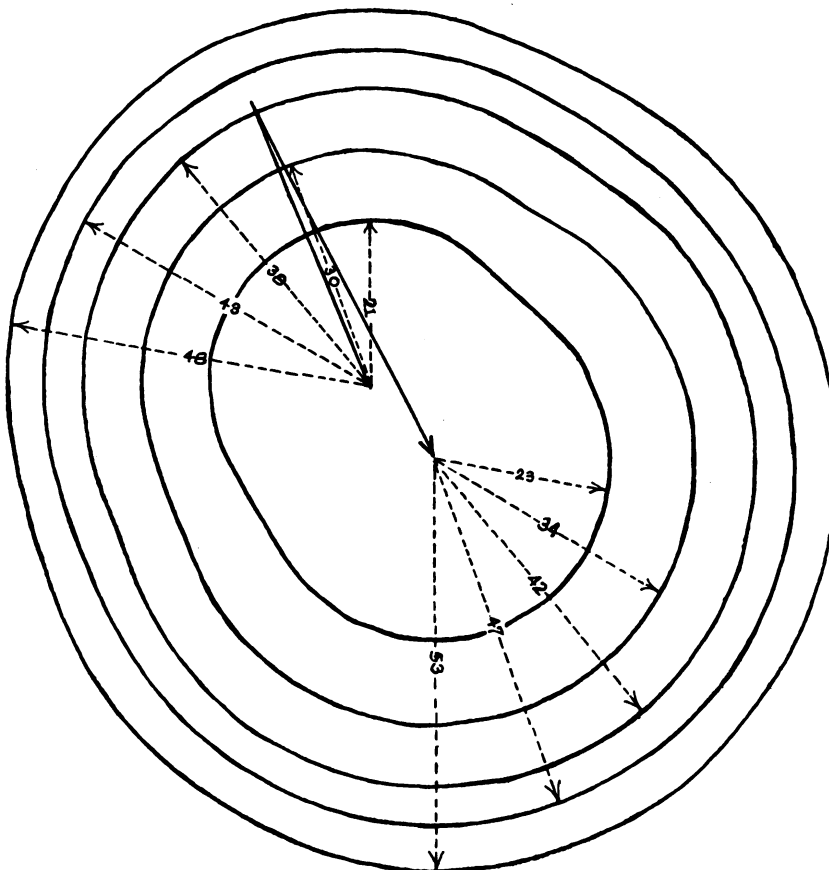
4. Current divergence:
 Direction..... 140°.
 Magnitude..... 18 miles.
5. Leeway:
 Direction..... 135°.
 Magnitude (from plate II):
 With drogue..... 10 miles.
 Without drogue..... 23 miles.
 (Note: See figure in opposite column.)
6. Probable drift:
 With drogue:
 Direction..... 152°.
 Distance..... 40 miles.
 Without drogue:
 Direction..... 148°.
 Distance..... 52 miles.

Search Radius at End of 24 Hours if Drogue Is Used

Probable error of position
 $\frac{40}{8} + 14$ 19 miles.



Search Area at End of 24 Hours



Search radius (from plate I):

First search.....	21
Second search.....	30
Third search.....	38
Fourth search.....	43
Fifth search.....	48

Search Radius at End of 2 Days if Drogue Is not Used

Probable error of position
 $(\frac{52}{8} + 14)$ 21

Search radius (from plate I):

First search.....	23
Second search.....	34
Third search.....	42
Fourth search.....	47
Fifth search.....	52

(Note: See figure in opposite column.)

Search Area at End of 48 Hours

To determine the probable position of the raft with or without a drogue at the end of 48 hours, determine the probable position at the end of the first day with a drogue from the end of the first day and the probable position at the end of the first day without a drogue from the end of the first day. The probable position at the end of the second day may then be determined for the raft with a drogue in the same way as the search area drawn at the end of 48 hours.

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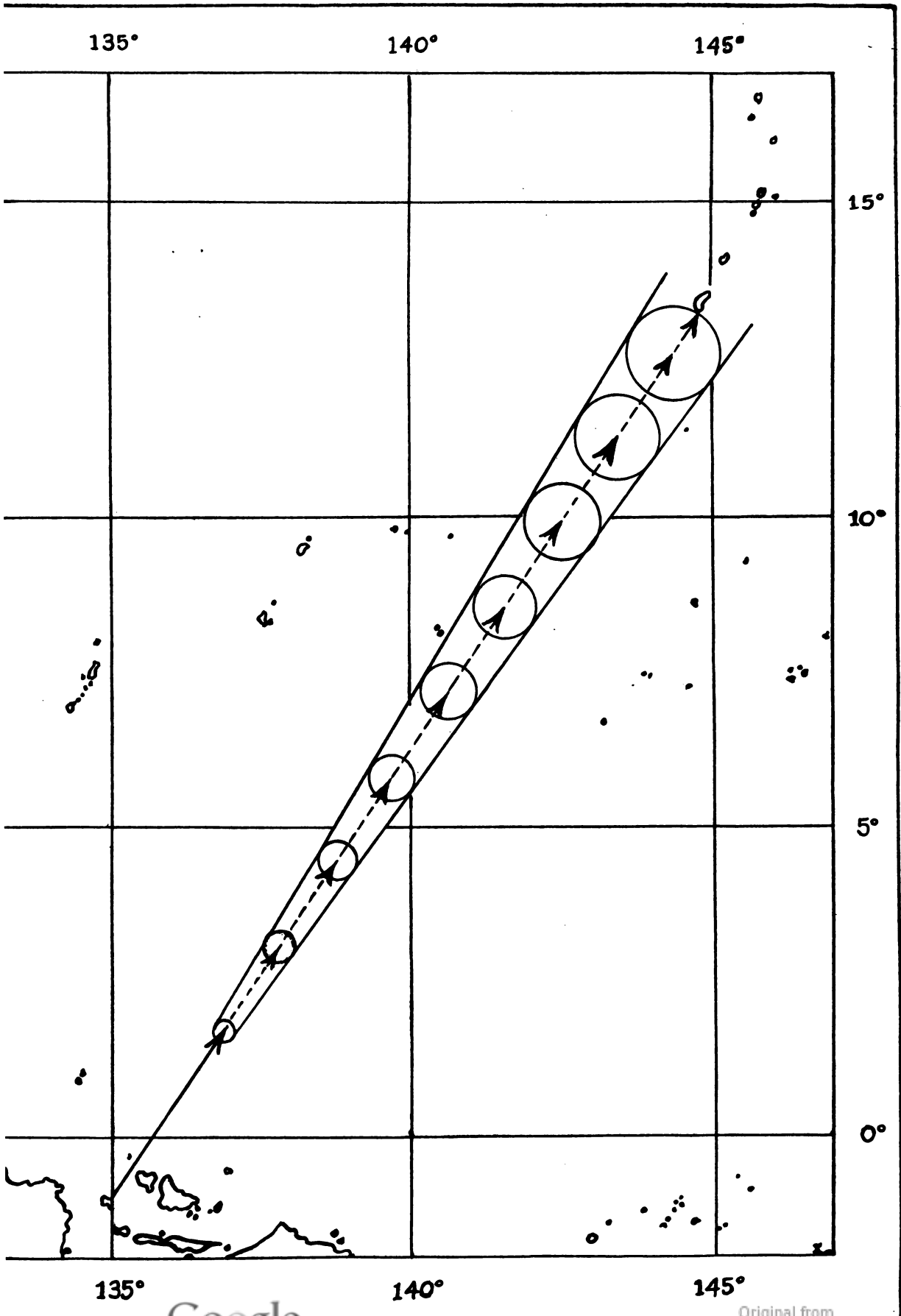


Figure 4.—Probable error of ditching position.

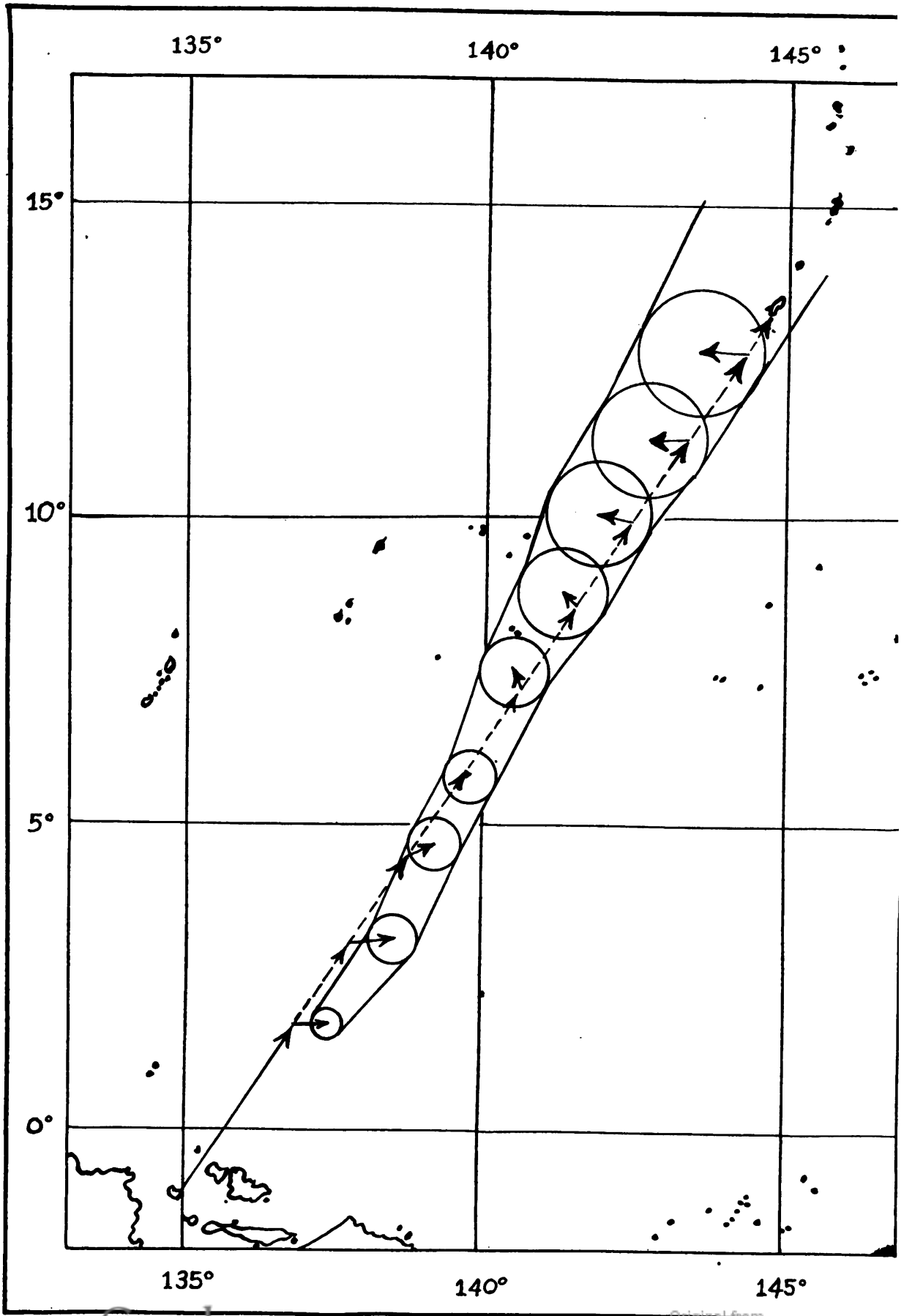


FIGURE 5.—Search area at end of 24 hours.

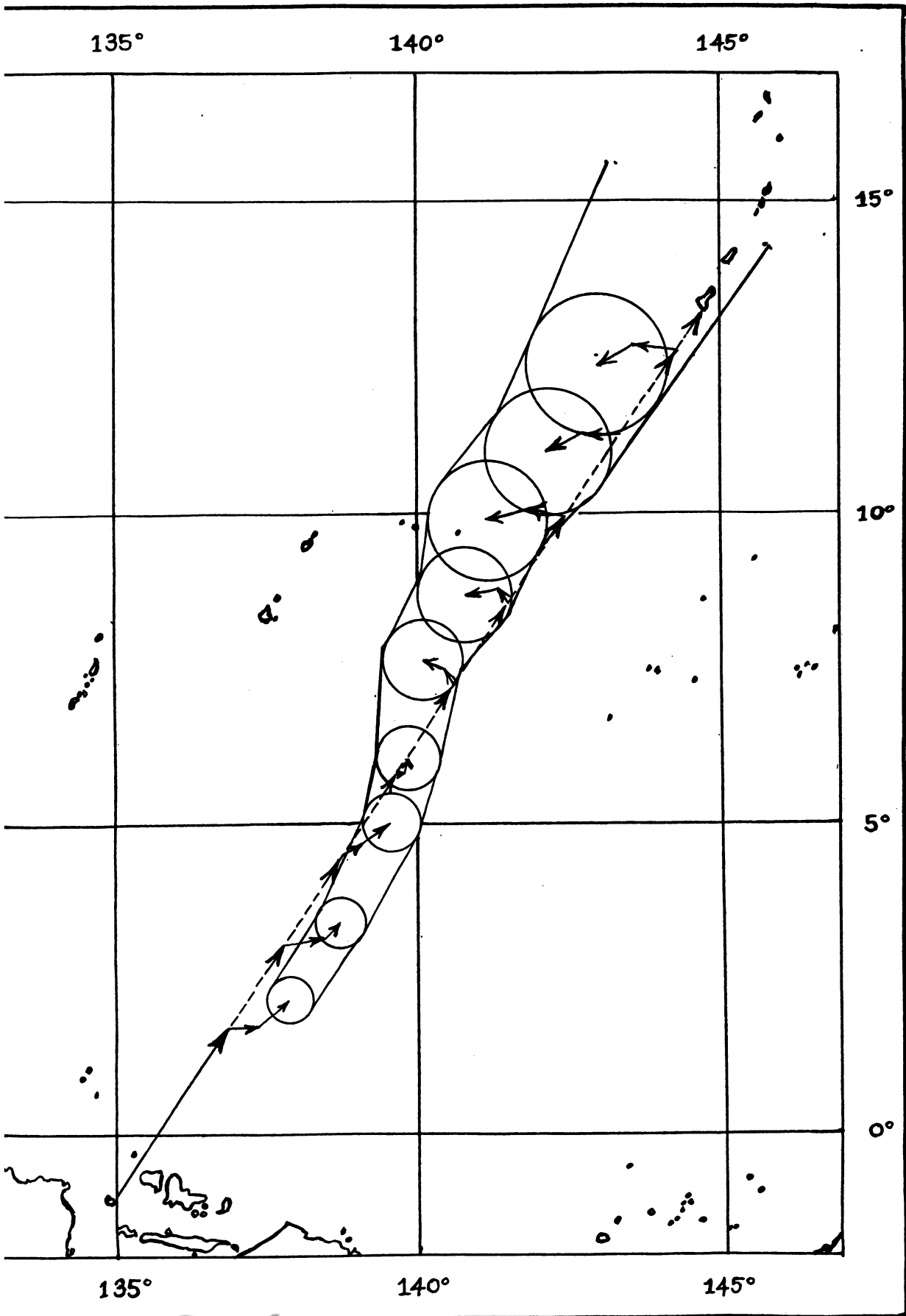


FIGURE 6.—Search area at end of 48 hours.

PLATE I

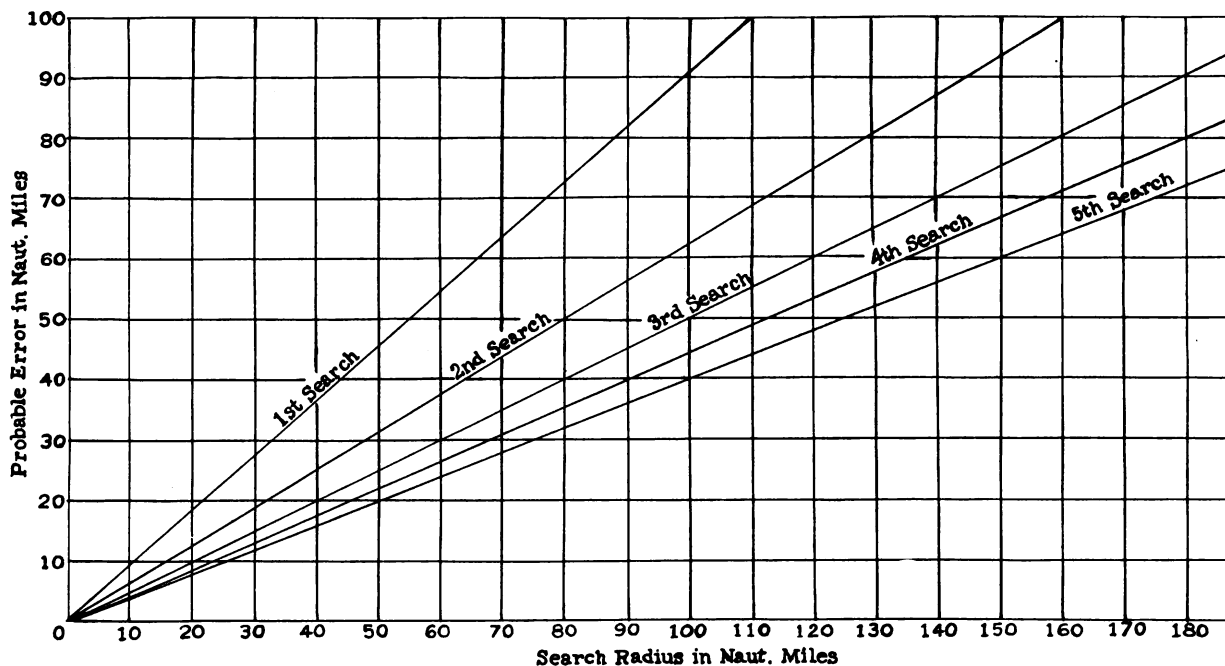


PLATE I: Search radius. Relationship of search radius to probable error of position of first five searches.

TABLE 1

SURFACE WIND FORCE PREDICTION FROM SEASURFACE APPEARANCE

Wind (Beaufort Scale)	Wind speed (knots)	Surface condition as seen from the air ¹	Surface condition as seen from the sea surface ²
0.....	Less than 1...	Smooth, slick sea.....	Sea like a mirror.
1.....	1-3.....	Small ripples with calm areas.....	Ripples—no foam crests.
2.....	4-6.....	Ripples everywhere, or well defined waves which are smooth and do not break.	Small wavelets; crests have a glassy appearance and do not break.
3.....	7-10.....	Occasional whitecaps.....	Large wavelets; crests begin to break; scattered whitecaps.
4.....	11-16.....	Pronounced waves, frequent whitecaps; slight to clearly defined wind streaks whose lengths may be equal to about 10 wave lengths.	Small waves becoming longer; frequent whitecaps.
5.....	17-21.....	Long, well defined wind streaks with waves and streaks coming from same direction.	Moderate waves, taking a more pronounced long form; many whitecaps, some spray.
6.....	22-27.....	Large seas with waves forming on them; wind picks up and carries occasional wave crest.	Large waves begin to form; extensive whitecaps everywhere; some spray.
7.....	28-33.....	Heavy seas; pronounced streaks; wind picks up and carries most wave crests; breaking, rolling waves are forming.	Sea heaps up and white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks along the direction of the wind.
Over 7...	More than 33...	Continual rolling waves; well defined waves form on some or all of the heavy seas; wind carries along all wave crests for a distance equal to at least one-half wave length; scud or foam streaks.	Moderately high to high waves of greater length; edges of crests break into spindrift and spray may affect visibility; well marked or dense streaks of foam along the direction of the wind.

¹ Adapted from "Aleutian Sense," Training Division, Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. Navy.
² From U. S. Navy Deck Log Book (revised 1 Jan. 1944).

TABLE 2

RELATION OF THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND CURRENT TO THE DIRECTION OF THE WIND

Latitude	Direction of Wind Current
North of 10° N.....	Down
10° N. to 10° S.....	Down
South of 10° S.....	Down

TABLE 3

VELOCITY OF THE WIND CURRENT IN MILES PER HOUR

Wind (Beaufort force)	Wind speed (knots)	Wind current (miles per hour)
1	1-3	
2	4-6	
3	7-10	
4	11-16	
5	17-21	
6	22-27	
7	28-33	

CLOTH SURVIVAL CHARTS

Cloth survival charts showing streamlines and resultant wind direction are published and distributed by the Intelligence Group, Division of Intelligence, Office of the Chief of Operations, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.

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- Western Pacific.^{1,2}
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 - and Southeast Solomon Islands and Santa Cruz Islands.^{1,3}
 - East Caroline Islands.^{1,3}
 - Marshall Islands.^{1,3}
 - Admiralty Islands and Northwest Bismark Archipelago.^{1,3}
 - North Central New Guinea.^{1,3}
 - Marianas Islands.^{1,3}
 - Central Caroline Islands.^{1,3}
 - Western Caroline Islands.^{1,3}
 - Palau Island Area and Northwest New Guinea.^{1,3}
 - Luzon and Taiwan Islands.³
 - Mindanao, Philippine Islands.³
 - Bonin Islands.³
 - Okinawa Shima and Parece Vela.³

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- French Indochina.¹
 - Central China.¹
 - Southeast China.¹
 - Northeast China.¹
 - Southeast China.²
 - Luzon Island.²
 - Korea.¹
 - Mindoro Island.²
 - Samar Island.²
 - Mindanao Island.²
 - North Borneo.²
 - Kagoshima, Japan.^{1,3}
 - Nagasaki, Japan.^{1,3}
 - Osaka, Japan.^{1,3}
 - Tokyo, Japan.^{1,3}
 - Peiping.^{1,3}
 - Ryozyum.^{1,3}
 - Keizyo.^{1,3}
 - Kanazawa, Japan.^{1,3}
 - Sendai, Japan.^{1,3}

	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50
Probable error of ditching position (5 percent of distance flown from base).....									
Probable position at end of 24 hours:									
North latitude.....	1°45'	3°10'	4°40'	5°47'	7°29'	8°48'	10°08'	11°23'	12°46'
East longitude.....	137°16'	138°24'	139°02'	139°39'	140°22'	141°14'	141°51'	142°43'	143°34'
Average current (from survival charts S8A-10-1, S12-2-40, S12-17, May-September):									
Direction.....	70°	80°	90°	100°	190°	240°	270°	300°	300°
Velocity in miles.....	10	20	18	8	3	10	12	8	6
Steadiness (percent).....	25-50	25-50	75-100	25-50	0-25	25-50	50-75	25-50	25-50
Average wind (from survival charts):									
Direction.....	67°	67°	67°	67°	276°	276°	290°	290°	290°
Beaufort Force.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Local wind (from plane and ship reports):									
Direction.....	45°	22°	22°	0°	292°	270°	247°	225°	225°
Beaufort Force.....	4	2	2	2	3	3	4	4	5
Current caused by local wind:									
Direction (from table 1).....	45°	22°	22°	0°	292°	270°	277°	255°	255°
Velocity in miles (from table 2).....	11	4	4	4	7	7	11	11	16
Current caused by average wind:									
Direction (from table 1).....	67°	67°	67°	67°	Omit	276°	320°	320°	320°
Velocity in miles (from table 2).....	2	2	2	2		2	2	2	2
Current divergence (from vector diagram):									
Direction.....	40°	354°	354°	330°	Omit	268°	269°	245°	249°
Velocity in miles.....	9	3	3	4		6	10	9	14
Leeway:									
Direction (downwind).....	45°	22°	22°	0°	292°	270°	247°	225°	225°
Velocity in miles (from plate II).....	22	13	13	13	18	18	22	22	25
Probable drift (from vector diagram):									
Direction.....	50°	42°	56°	23°	292°	261°	259°	243°	241°
Velocity in miles.....	41	22	27	17	25	33	42	34	41
Total drift in miles (drift during first 24 hours plus drift during second 24 hours).....	74	66	56	23	42	50	76	72	86
Probable position at end of 48 hours:									
North latitude.....	2°18'	3°27'	4°55'	6°03'	7°36'	8°04'	9°54'	11°07'	12°25'
East longitude.....	137°55'	138°39'	139°25'	139°45'	140°00'	140°42'	141°10'	142°12'	142°57'
Probable error of position in miles (total drift plus probable error of ditching position).....	19	23	27	28	35	41	50	54	61
Search radius in miles for first search (from plate I).....	21	26	30	31	39	45	55	60	67

NK54----- Hakodate.^{1,3}
 NK55----- Nemuro.^{1,3}

² Published with currents and winds for November-March.

¹ In preparation with currents and winds for November-March.

³ In preparation with currents and winds for May-September.

PLATE II

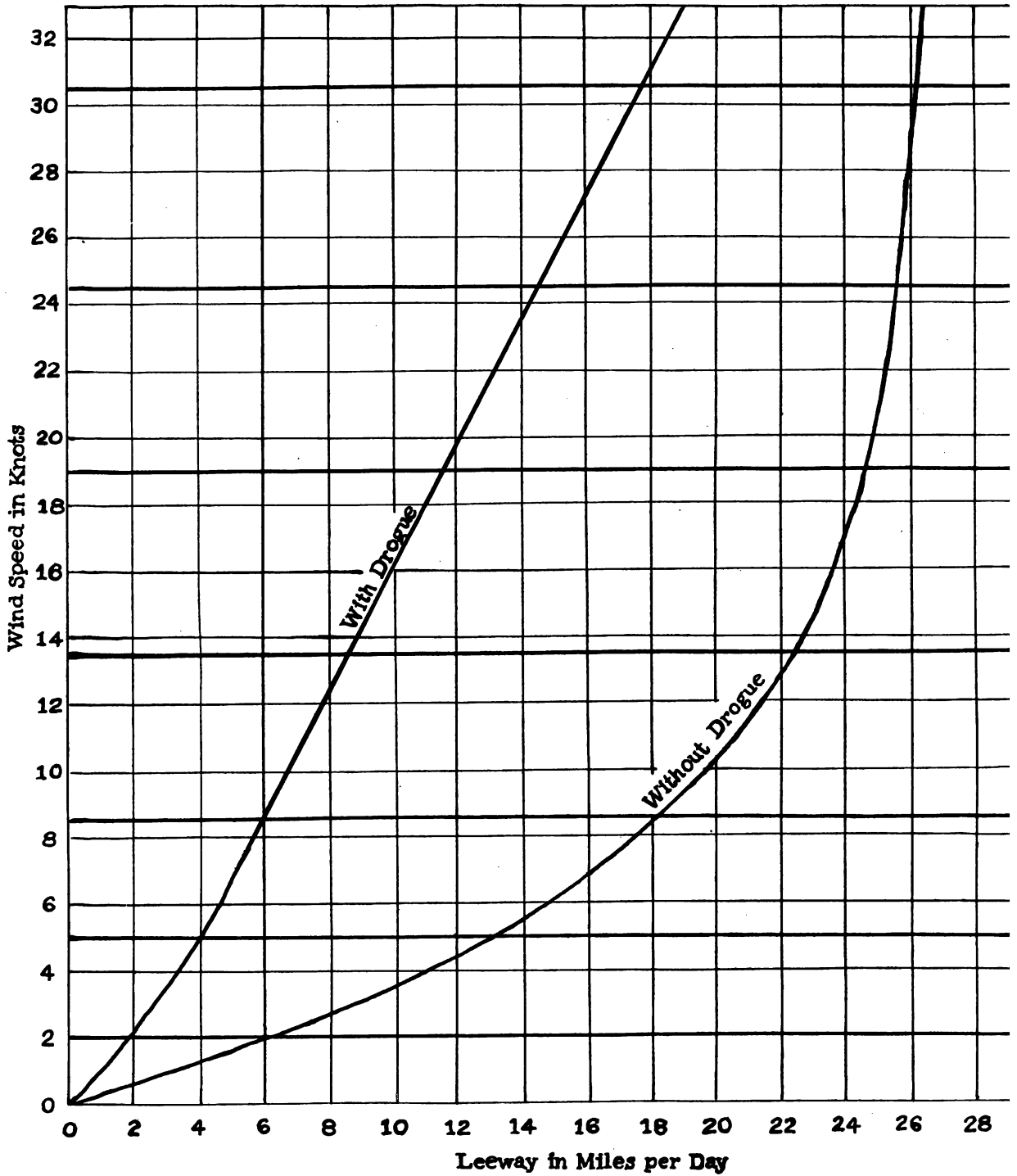


PLATE II: Leeway of rubber raft. Relationship of leeway of raft, with and without drogue, to wind speed or force

M REVIEWS

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, an Americanized version of training film "Prepare For uses a B-17 Flying Fortress American equipment through-out time: 49 minutes.

Parachute Harness (TF 1-3391 8). This instructional film es the importance of the and shoulder harness to the is forced to crash land his Flight Surgeon illustrates his h a model similar to the de- by the Matériel Command at eld to test deceleration rate of G. A dummy, strapped to seat, is shot down a runway comparable to crash landing the "imitation" pilot reaches nent panel, he strikes it with impact simulating actual con-

onstration shows the disas- some when the pilot crushes against the array of instru- protrusions on the panel of his ne. Then whatever happens t fails to fasten either his : or harness is demonstrated. these safety devices secured s of escaping injury are in- The Flight Surgeon demon- : correct method of fastening when stunting or when forced and or water.

OK REVIEW

**VAL AND RESCUE
ERIAL IN ARCTIC
UAL—STEFANSSON**

ehensive study by one of the world authorities on that re- jalmur Stefansson's ARCTIC should be included on the shelves of everyone interested ng and working conditions of

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ABSTRACTS

Final Report on the Use of Chemical Materials as Shark Repellent.

Results of tests conducted from 9 April 1943 to 1 July 1944. The Naval Research Laboratory presents the final report on the development and testing of a material designed for the protection of personnel from attack by sharks. Earlier laboratory development is summarized and the results of the field testing are presented in their entirety. Two types of a unit for the employment of the repellent material designed for individual protection are described: (1) A flat cake of the repellent material in a bag of cotton sheeting which is protected by a waterproof outer envelope made from a vinyl-copolymer-coated fabric. (2) A belt type to be worn around the waist, a unit designed for use by individuals who find it necessary to be in shark infested water by intent rather than by accident.

SOURCE: Final Report on the Use of Chemical Materials as Shark Repellent. Naval Research Laboratory, Anacostia Station, Washington, D. C. 23 September 1944. NRL Report No. P-2373.

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Army's

WATER WEASEL

May Be Used in Water, Swamp, and Snow Rescue

The need for a vehicle or craft that could be used to rescue fliers forced down in swamps and mud flats where planes cannot land, boats cannot navigate, trucks and tractors are unable to operate, and where travel by foot is slow and sometimes impossible, has long been realized. Development of such a vehicle was begun in March 1943, upon a request from the Army Air Forces to the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

Investigation of the possibilities of amphibious vehicles that could cross swamps, water, mud, and snow revealed that there were no available vehicles possessing sufficient versatility. Adaptation of a vehicle already in existence was therefore started on the "Weasel," the Cargo Carrier, M29, the best snow vehicle available at the time. The outstanding advantage of the "Weasel" was its unusually low unit ground pressure.

As the "Weasel" has a watertight body and will float, initial tests required only the addition of outboard motors. The water speed of the vehicle at this stage of development was approximately



two miles per hour. To increase the freeboard and water speed, a bow, stern, and side skirts were added. This change in design increased the water speed to 4 miles per hour and, because of the side skirts, it was propelled by its own tracks. Satisfactory maneuverability in water was provided by the

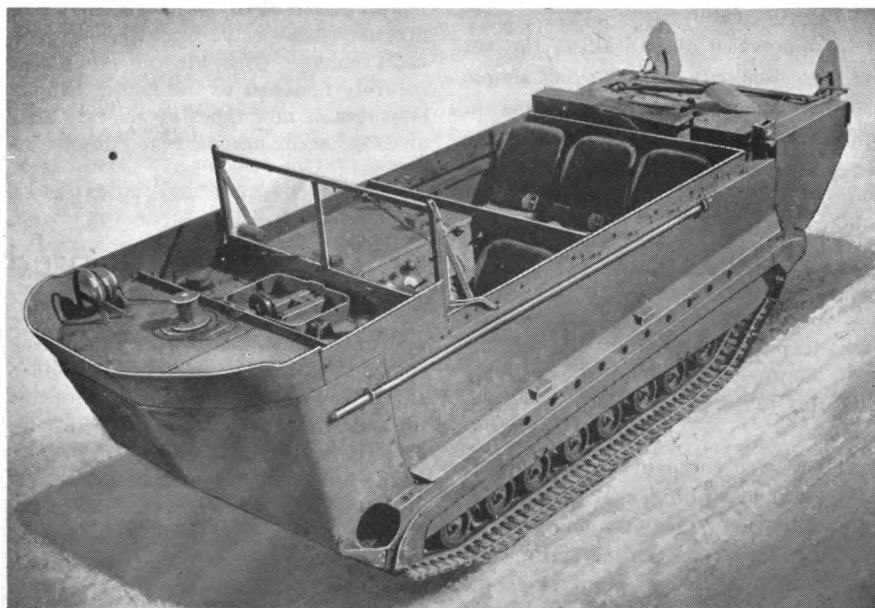
addition of two rudders on the cell.

Successfully passing the need, this amphibian was named the Cargo Carrier, M29C, users have dubbed it the "Weasel."

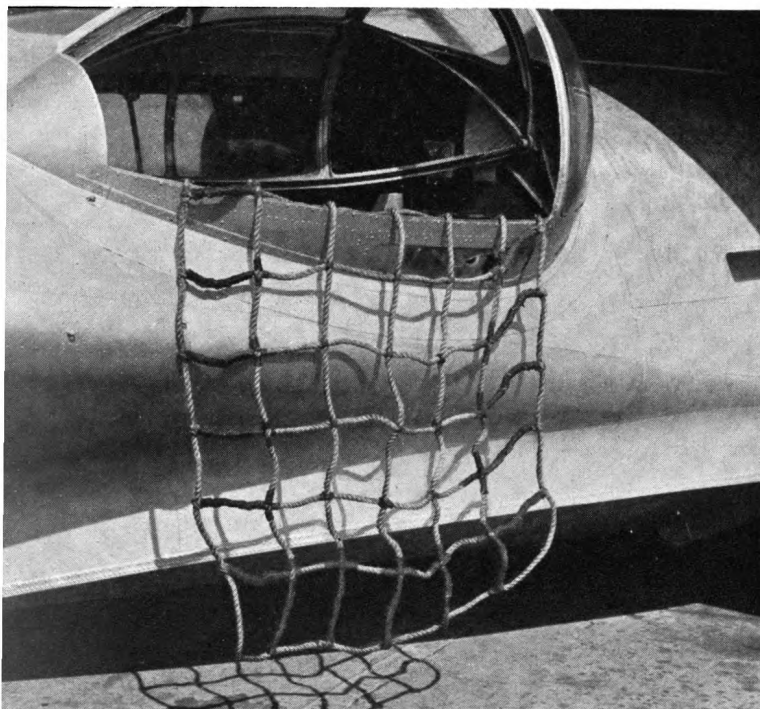
TWO LITTER CASES

It resembles a cross between a slung automobile and a boat with a sloping brush-resisting bow. It measures 67 inches across the beam and 6 feet in length. When empty it weighs 4,800 pounds and is designed to support a payload of 1,200 pounds. The vehicle will carry, in addition to the driver, three passengers or two litter cases. Provisions are included for the field installation of any one of a combination of ten different standard auxiliary vehicular radio sets. In the hands of an experienced driver, the "Weasel" will successfully negotiate a great variety of difficult terrain that is impassable to conventional vehicles, such as mud, swamp, rice fields, wet or dry sand, snow fields, and rivers. Development of the "Weasel" has been the result of the efforts of the Office of Scientific Research and Development.

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ESCUE RECOVERY NET



in construction to a cargo net, net for aircraft adaptation approved at the Coast Guard Station, San Diego, Calif., by the Rescue Task Unit, Western Sea Southern Sector, to assist surmounting into the blister of a hatch of other seaplanes. Made of 21-thread line, and 5/8 inch diameter, the net has snap hooks for attachments to eyebolts fastened to the fuselage of the aircraft. When thrown over the side of the airplane, the net serves as a ladder for survivors to grab

and climb. It is large enough for crewmen to climb down from the plane to assist a man in the water.

It has been suggested also that with lines extended from the lower corners of the net, a helpless person, whose injuries do permit, could be rolled up the net into the plane.

As improvised at San Diego the net has been used only on PBYS, but simple changes would make it adaptable to other types of aircraft engaged in air sea rescue assignments.

BRITISH DESIGN NEW CONTAINERS

One of the primary problems of ditched aircrews has been to ensure that the men take all the necessary emergency equipment aboard the dinghy when escaping from their sinking aircraft. The aim of the British has been to design dinghy equipment so that the raft would be automatically ejected with all the equipment fastened to the floor of the dinghy. Two factors have delayed the development of this type of equipment: (1) Contractors were reluctant to alter designs of the container to make one large enough to stow both the dinghy and equipment, and (2) inflation of the dinghy might be impeded by the additional weight of emergency gear.

The first step was the enlargement of stowages, or containers, for the dinghies of the Lancaster and Halifax. In this design all the equipment was lashed to the dinghy stowage lid, which was attached to the dinghy by a lanyard.

After tests on the Lancaster, it was found possible to pack the "Q" Dinghy and the crew equipment to the floor of the raft in the desired manner. This method has been officially adopted. At present a series of similar tests are being conducted on the proposed enlarged stowage for the Halifax. The problem in this case has been more difficult, and final tests are being conducted on a suggested modification.

It is now an established policy that in the future all new British dinghy installations shall be such that the dinghy, when ejected from its container, shall emerge with all the equipment securely fastened to the floor. Dinghy stowages of new types of aircraft have already been designed to meet this policy.

Signaling Kit Suggested By Rescue Unit In Combat Area Adopted

A pilot's best contact with the ground is by the use of signaling equipment. It is difficult for rescue craft to locate the survivor's position without visually sighting him. A signaling kit, developed by the Air Sea Rescue Unit in San Francisco from the equipment of a rescue squadron in one combat area, makes this contact possible. The purpose of the kit is to enable a survivor with sufficient sig-

nalizing equipment for all atmospheric and sea conditions in order that the survivor may continuously and effectively make his presence known to searching parties.

The waterproof canvas kit contains three packages of life jacket dye marker, two white smoke grenades, one grenade holder and clamp, signaling mirror, police whistle, a distress signal kit containing pyrotechnic projector and six

Very's cartridges, and a waterproof one-cell flashlight. The 7x7x9-inch container is closed at the top by an 8-inch zipper. A 30-foot drift line is attached to help the survivor retrieve the kit after it has been dropped.

The buoyant container has been test dropped successfully from a PBM at 300 feet at 100 knots IAS. On the second drop all items were found serviceable and intact. The tests were conducted at high speed and altitude.

Additional Type of Equipment Received for Exhibit

(2 October to 31 October 1944)

Catalogue No.	Object	Source
44.266.1-6.....	Bag, vinylite, for water (6).....	U. S. N., BuAer, Wash- ington, D. C.
44.267.1.....	Light, electric, attachable.....	Do.
44.268.1.....	Reflector, RESTRICTED.....	M. I. T., Cambridge, Mass.
44.269.1.1-4.....	Parachute flare, Mark 4, Mod. 5 (Inert).	Naval Ammunition De- pot, Crane, Ind.
44.269.2.1-4.....	Parachute flare, Mark 5, Mod. 7 (Inert).	Do.
44.269.3.1-2.....	Aircraft flare, Mark 6, Mod. 4 (Inert).	Do.
44.269.4.1-2.....	Aircraft flare, Mark 8, Mod. 1 (Inert).	Do.
44.270.1-2.1-5.....	Charts, life raft, AAF (5 to set) (2)...	Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.
44.270.3-4.1-3.....	Scriptures: Protestant, Catholic, Jewish (2).	Do.
44.271.1.1-2.....	Fuze, flare, mechanical time, M11A2.	AAF Technical Service Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.
44.271.2.....	Signal, Aircraft, red star, Para- chute M11 (Inert).	Do.
44.271.3.....	Signal, Drift M25 (x-1c) (wooden dummy).	Do.
44.272.1.....	Flotation raft for Stokes litter.....	International Latex Corp., Playtex Park, Dover, Del.
44.273.1-16.....	Ration kit, Aircraft droppable ADR-1.	U. S. N., BuAer, Wash- ington, D. C.
44.274.1-24.....	Signaling Kit, Aircraft droppable ADS-1.	Do.
44.275.1-2.....	Suit, exposure, Mk-1, Contr. N-288-S-25990.	Do.
44.276.1-71.....	Aircraft shipwreck kit, M-594B.....	Do.

Organization in AAF fo Developing Survival and Rescue Gear Is Describe

The Emergency Rescue Branch, Personal Equipme-
ratory of the Air Technical Service Command at Wrig-
is charged with the responsibility for the development
gency, rescue, and survival equipment used by the A
Forces, in operations over water, desert, tropic, ar
regions. This equipment includes all types of pneur
rafts, life preserver vests, droppable rescue gear, the
lifeboat, and rescue, sustenance, and survival kits.
sonnel assigned to the Laboratory are selected in
possessing both a background of actual experience ar
tition which qualifies them for the decisions which a
sary in the development of items of emergency equipm

New items of equipment are constantly under dev-
as are improvements and modifications in existin
Ideas or requirements for development are receiv
combat organizations, manufacturers, and other in
personnel as well as from members within the lab
New ideas or modifications are tested experimenta
samples have been fabricated locally or by manuf
The samples of equipment are then submitted to
Proving Ground Command for service test. The repor
these service tests are reviewed by the AAF B
recommendations are made to the Assistant Chief of
for Operations, Commitments, and Requirements.

The Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Matériel and Servi
directs that standardization, procurement, supply ar
bution be accomplished by the Air Technical Servi
mand. The Emergency Rescue Branch, Personal Ec
Laboratory, then provides necessary drawings, spec
and other pertinent information for procurement and
nance.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED *(Continued from page 26)*

Mayday (RESTRICTED).

Memorandum presents in detail the emergency rescue plan of the Fourth Air Force. It first describes in general communications, organization, and plans of procedure; secondly, it describes the specific duties and responsibilities of each individual concerned. Charts portray main communication facilities available to the Fourth Air Force; coverages for VHF radios; HF net covering entire West Coast; operational, administrative and typical base organization for emergency rescue; rescue boat stations and coverages, and areas of responsibility for control groups.

SOURCE: *Mayday.* Fourth Air Force Emergency Rescue Memorandum No. 57-1. San Francisco, Calif., Headquarters Fourth Air Force, 18 July 1944.

WATER WEASEL *(Continued from page 27)*

and Development, the Ordnance Depart-
ment, and the vehicles' manufacturer,
Studebaker Corporation.

In addition to its use as a rescue
vehicle for men in inaccessible swamp
and mud areas such as are found in the
Everglades of Florida, the "Water Wea-
sel" has proved its value in the evacu-
ation of wounded through mud in com-
bat areas where other means of trans-

portation have failed and for the past
several months it has been successfully
and enthusiastically used for the trans-
portation of necessary supplies.

Procurement of the "Water Weasel"
is underway by the Ordnance Depart-
ment of the Army Service Forces.
Other services of the Army and Navy
are at present conducting tests on the
vehicle.

BOOK REVIEW

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Chapters are broken down in
venient sections preceded by
outlines, which readily ena
reader to find information on
food, shelter, clothing, healt
lems, climate, transportation,
mal life cycles and habitats.

The author explodes numer
monly accepted "southern" id
cerning Arctic living. Not
among these is his discussion o

The only illustrations in the
book are those depicting the cons
of snowhouses.

This work was first prepared
upon request from the Army A
and only a limited number o
were made available. Because
requests, the Army granted pe
for Macmillan to print the cor
edition.

A SURVIVAL ACCOUNT—

Rescue From Ice Cap

he five-man crew who bailed the Himalayan Range and retained by the natives of med and forbidden Shangrila, up actually flew into the Lost when they discovered that their crunching across the slope onland Ice Cap rather than ough the thick, low-hanging e.

ne's engines were undamaged ioman sent out the estimated f the crash landing immed simultaneously all energies into play to rescue the seven men. Those in the party in-

g) R. W. Shepard, pilot.
g) A. H. Gilster, copilot.
n V. Egert, aviation pilot 2/c.
utkowski, aviation radioman

Richey, aviation machinist's e 2/c.

Herbert, aviation radioman

ankenship, aviation machinist's mate 3/c.

ful rescues on the Arctic Ice been effected before and since ent, but each has its own story ination to live, its special obad hazards, and its unique roblems and survival techich offer valuable experience e rescues. Fortunately, this crash landed on the smooth cap which did much to preus injury to the crew mem-addition, it came down along rd side of the slope which erably warmer than the wind s of the mountains or the leys below. Even when the ave out, the auxiliary motor kept working so the survivors municate with the rescue ship. ne of the crash was 35 air m the nearest civilization. ibility of landing a plane with skis on the cap to take rew was impractical because ort take-off area and the pre-oftness of the glacier; and f flying the downed plane out possible since it kept sinking ce and the engines froze. ortex, and most direct route e of the crash involved cross-

ing a 600-foot icy fjord along the shore, through a narrow valley bounded by three 1,000-foot peaks, and over six glaciers to the smooth ice running up the slope. While the rescue party was making preparations for this treacherous journey, provided the weather permitted, planes dropped food, clothing, medical supplies, and machinery for the survivors' sustenance until they could be walked out. The Coast Guard cutter which was in direct communication with the 93-P-22, anchored along the fjord, and the rescue group scaled the steep precipice and established a base camp in the narrow valley on the other side.

FROST PROBLEM

The heavy frost which formed on the interior of the plane was one of the primary problems of the survivors. This is an inevitable situation inside inadequately heated and poorly ventilated habitation in the Arctic because the damp air from body heat and human breath fails to evaporate and thus freezes or forms frost. Sufficient ventilation permits the moist air to pass off but this would mean a choice of freezing to death or suffering from the discomforts of accumulative frost. Stoves were dropped to the plane, but did not provide adequate heat, and in addition, added the danger of suffocation from carbon monoxide. The men met the problem as well as possible under the circumstances by insulating the plane with parachutes, cardboard, and blankets. They took the other personal precautionary measures of providing ventilation and performing a minimum of activity to reduce the amount of damp air caused by body moisture.

SIXTEEN DAYS

The men who crashed were stranded on the cap for 16 days and were safely "home" on the eighteenth day. Logs kept by Shepard and Gilster of the survivors and Lt. R. H. Smith, who was present at the point from which rescue operations were directed, show the ingenuity and unexhausted efforts to save the lives of these men.

First Day.

When the weather over the ice cap closed in almost completely the 93-P-22 reversed course and headed for base. Six minutes later it mushed into a slope on the ice cap. Position was sent, engines were undamaged and kept running for communication purposes. Efforts to move the plane with the aid of engines and crew failed. The weather was poor, visibility zero, ceiling zero, snow falling. Heaters were not working.

Noon chow was one cup of chicken soup per man. Due to the altitude, efforts to hard-boil eggs on an electric plate for a "rainy day" failed. Army and Navy rations aboard were ample for the flight, but had to be rationed in the event that assistance might be delayed. In the afternoon engines were cut and the auxiliary power unit (the "put-put") was set up for communication work. Efforts were made at the base to send dropped equipment by B-25's but weather prevented their take-off. Meanwhile, plans were taking shape for the organization of a searching party.

As nightfall approached on the cap the snow continued to fall and the wind increased. There were four bunks and nine sleeping bags in the plane for the seven-man crew. Two sacks were put in each bunk. Three-man watches were established. Communications with the base were continued through the night. There was anxiety about the "put-put" fumes, so hatches were opened despite the cold. Bodies were warm enough except feet.

Second Day.

TENDER 25 MILES DISTANT

The plane was perched at an angle in landing and for this reason was uncomfortable for living purposes. So the crew turned to in an unsuccessful effort to level it and policed the interior to make of it the best camp possible. Meanwhile, a sea-plane tender, 25 air miles distant, was established as the operation center for a rescue party afoot which was to mount the cap, establish a base camp, and strike a trail to the plane.

RESCUE NARRATIVE

The 93-P-22 requested goggles and snowshoes as snow continued lightly and the wind dropped. There was no visibility until late afternoon when it picked up to about three miles.

Noon chow was an orange, an egg, bread, and butter. The crew cleaned the snow off the plane so that it might be spotted from the air. Fear of perspiring precluded strenuous work. No change of clothing was available. One parachute was used for an engine cover since there was still hope of flying the plane off the cap. One engine was frozen. Another parachute was ripped up for rags and handkerchiefs. Asparagus soup, condensed milk, and bacon was supper chow. During the night the temperature dropped further and watches huddled in the navigation compartment for warmth. Weather still too bad for relief plans.

Third Day.

Wind was high, but the weather was clear. Smudge fires were lit and two B-25's came over and dropped at least 25 bundles of food, clothing, drink, radios, and other necessities. Morale was boosted 1,000 percent. There were sandwiches of steaks dropped by the B-25's for lunch.

Frost, caused by body heat and human breath, appeared on the interior of the plane. Possibility of flying the plane off the cap began to appear doubtful. The practice of off-coming watches preparing coffee for the group getting up was started. Ground rescue by the planes began to take shape with the combined services of Army, Navy, and Coast Guard personnel and civilians.

Fourth Day.

PLANES DROP STOVES

Herbert's ear was frozen during the day and one of the blisters burst. It was treated with burn ointment (all that was available) and bandaged. Stoves dropped by B-25's helped during the night. They didn't give off much heat, but the noise they made helped psychologically. Sleeping was more comfortable. The B-25's came over again and dropped excellent sleeping bags and more food. Cargo chutes were used for insulating the plane and covering the catwalks to keep feet off the cold metal deck. The "put-put," which had been out, was repaired with parts dropped by the B-25. More steaks were

dropped and there were more steak sandwiches for chow. Sleeping was more comfortable in newly acquired clothing and with the additional sleeping bags.

At the base use of dog teams and sledges by the ground party was being considered, and inquiries came by radio as to what gear would be required to prepare the plane for flight off the cap.

Fifth Day.

At the base another Coast Guard vessel had been called in and dogs and sledges had been procured. At the plane, after a breakfast on K rations, the men went about the difficult gathering of bundles which had been dropped and still remained outside. The work was slow and tiring. The men carried the items to the plane from the surrounding heavily crevassed area. Several fell through up to their shoulders, and had it not been for the rope chain the falls might have been fatal.

There was still difficulty in keeping feet warm and dry, and more and more frost was gathering inside the plane. The night was the coldest yet, with the temperature dropping to -22° C. Bouillon soup was drunk from used bean cans in the effort to keep warm.

Sixth day.

From the rescue base the scouting party advanced and arrangements were made by radio to try signals. Still clinging to the idea that the plane might be salvaged, arrangements were made by the base to send block and tackle and other necessary gear. At the plane, Lieutenant (Jg) Gilster awakened sick. Frost coating on inside of the plane now was about one-fourth inch thick. Discomfort from frost became worse and it melted when the sun shone. Radio equipment and sleeping bags were also covered with ice. The wind was too strong to put up a tent outside and the snow was too crumbly to make blocks for an ice house.

FOOD AND MUKLUKS

The weather cleared in the afternoon, and a B-25 came over and dropped more food, salvaging gear for the plane, engine heater, mukluks, and heavy socks. This drop rounded out camp supplies, and the mukluks and socks were found to be a tremendous improvement. They kept the feet warm and dry.

There was stew for dinner and an apple for dessert. An effort was made to start a smoke signal for the party which was trying to find the best route over the glacier on the ice cap. The attempt was unsuccessful, due primarily to the extreme cold on the glacier which had become like tar, and to winds.

Seventh Day.

The "put-put" went out and during the night. Two hours were required for repairing. It was found that the engine heater had become beyond repair as it parted in the cargo chute in the drop. Zinc was among the items dropped, and applied to the frostbitten ear it was found to be much better than the mentholament from the plane's first aid kit. There was another salvage gear drop the afternoon and the crew were trying to level the plane's wing to lower the floats. Some improvement was made in the angle at which the plane was resting, but otherwise not moved to any advantage.

Rutowski, the radioman, with heaves, chills, and stomach trouble had to be sacked in. The next day he went out again, the battery was low, and the crew was unable to get the portable receiver which had been dropped. It was severely cold that night generally was the worst yet since on the cap thus far.

Eighth Day.

The wind built up to 40 knots and bursts up to 64 by midnight. The crew was still miserable and it was difficult to decide as to what should be done. The "put-put" finally was repaired again. Lieutenant (Jg) Gilster recuperated to some extent from his illness and Rutowski felt better after some soup. However, Egert, pilot, and Richey, the aviation mechanic's mate, were sacked in—Richey had a bad cough. The plane's machine gun was fired with the hope that it would be useful for the rescue in taking bearing. Also a couple of rounds were fired from the Vickers.

Ninth Day.

RESCUE PARTY CAM

The rescue party made a start but was lacking only the dogs, sledges,

RESCUE NARRATIVE

he crew was informed as to
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would be destroyed in the
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Day.
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e again when the sky cleared
ernoon. Morale reached new
n word came at midnight that
was returning again. This
ond cutter took over rescue

work while the other went out on an-
other rescue mission.

Thirteenth Day.

The base radioed that, weather per-
mitting, the rescue party would attempt
to get through on the following day and
suggested a constant oil fire signal. The
plane advised the base that an amphibi-
ous landing was inadvisable with drift-
ing snow and slopes precluding take-off.
At the plane the early morning skies
were clear and northern lights were
brilliant and the temperature at -9° C.
Another engine heater was dropped and
the base was informed there was no
need to send more equipment designed
to aid in flying the plane out. At mid-
night a message from the rescue ship
said the party was coming in on the
following day.

Fourteenth Day.

TIME TO REJOICE

Snow drifts made scouting the area
impossible. Communications from the
base indicated the body was crossing
the glacier to its northern side and then
would ascend to the cap. On the plane
word was received at 1100 that the party
had been under way since 0915. The
rescue party was sighted 6 miles distant
to the southwest at 1327. It reached the
plane at 1528 amid much rejoicing.

A meal of bouillon soup, steak, and
beans was given the party, and then all
hands except the watches sacked in.
Men in the party included:

Lt. Stanley J. Paciorek, "B" 424th
CA (AA).
Hans Seivers.
Neils Jensen.
Thyge Johansen.
Sinclair Adams.

They had made the 15-mile trip in 6
hours and 20 minutes with large back
pads. Due to terrain dog sledges could
not be used, so the rescue party moved
in on skis. They reported the roughest
part of the trip back would be at the
end crossing over six glaciers and finally
climbing 400 feet up a mountain and
sliding down the other side on the seat
of their pants to the camp. Adams at-
tempted to take pictures but the camera
froze after three shots of the plane.
Radio equipment was smashed and clas-
sified gear, equipment and papers, de-
stroyed by fire. The remains were cov-
ered with snow.

Fifteenth Day.

WALKING BACK

Reveille at 0600; departure from
plane at 0837. The walk in was de-
scribed as "one of the most exhausting
and horrible experiences of their lives,"
but members of the party said, "No one
has ever seen such a happy, tired group
of fellows in their lives." Adams, Egert,
and Gilster were out in front. The
trip back was uneventful for the first
3 hours. Then the crew began to feel
the soreness and it was more and more
of an effort to move snowshoes over
snow frosted and then crusted. Adams,
Egert, and Gilster crossed seven glaciers
instead of six and therefore walked 2
miles out of their way. By the time
they returned to the trail the entire
party was all together including Johan-
sen and Jensen who had left the plane
2 hours after the main body of the
party.

The glaciers were difficult and nego-
tiating them was slow. Finally the
mountain was climbed over jagged rocks
and the sit-down slide down the other
side was described as the most com-
fortable part of the journey. Mem-
bers of the plane crew said what the
rescue party "didn't go through to get
us is really something. It is surpris-
ing that they were able to find a pas-
sage through to clear ice in the time
they did. They did a marvelous job,
to put it mildly." Outside of fatigue
and foot blisters the entire party made
the trip in good condition. It had been
10 hours between breakfast and chow
at the tent camp and warm food was
as welcome as was sleep on the pine
deck.

Sixteenth Day.

The day was started after 13 hours
of sleep. Camp was broken at 1027
and the party was alongside the rescue
vessel at 1158. The last leg of the
journey required easing their way down
the rocks to the fjord with the aid of
a 1-inch line. The crew marveled at
how the rescue party with all of its
gear mounted the 600-foot cliff taking
with them two 400-pound motor sleds—
which were not used because they had
no traction across the ice.

A new, tougher, braided fishing line
may go into emergency kits carried by
men forced down at sea (*Tech Talk*,
Air Force, October 1944).

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ORGANIZATION

AIR SEA RESCUE FACILITIES

Establishment of Air Sea Rescue facilities in United States sea frontiers, coordinating with Army activities, has been authorized by the Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations. These facilities are distinct from the over-all coordinating and development functions of the Air Sea Rescue Agency. Authorization for their establishment covers organizational measures to be taken, development of suitable methods and procedures including centralized control, and the furnishing of required operational units, primarily by the Coast Guard.

The letter by Admiral E. J. King authorizing establishment of the facilities follows:

25 August 1944.

From: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet, and Chief of Naval Operations.

To: Commander Western Sea Frontier. Commander Eastern Sea Frontier. Commander Gulf Sea Frontier. Commandant, United States Coast Guard.

Subject: Air Sea Rescue.

1. It is desired that the necessary organizational measures be taken to establish in the sea frontiers addressed adequate Air Sea Rescue facilities, and to develop suitable methods and procedures therefore, including centralized control.

2. Existing sea frontier facilities, including operations centers, communication facilities, radar, radio compass, etc., will be used to the maximum in establishing the Air Sea Rescue organization. Required operational units (air squadrons, rescue craft, and supporting facilities) will be furnished primarily by the Coast Guard.

3. Sea frontier commanders coordinating with the Commandant of the Coast Guard will prepare the necessary plans and estimates of requirements for effecting the establishment of the organization outlined above.

4. Due consideration will be taken of the necessity for coordinating the activities of the Air Sea Rescue organization with other Army and Navy air activities within the sea frontiers. The Army Air Forces will continue to participate in Air Sea Rescue until such time as the responsibility for the provision and control of Air Sea Rescue facilities adequate to cover all operations may have been placed upon one service.

5. The organization contemplated will not interfere with the provision of local crash or rescue facilities attached to air stations or air bases.

E. J. KING.

JOINT AGREEMENTS (COAST

By Fourth Air Force, Western Sea Frontier
Civil Aeronautics Administration

An example of cooperation between the service Sea Rescue work was effected recently by the following agreements entered into between the Fourth Air Force, Western Sea Frontier, and the Civil Aeronautics Administration:

- (a) That all rescue facilities and equipment will be required, regardless of the service to which they belong, will be utilized in rendering assistance to aircraft in distress.
- (b) That immediate interchange of information between the respective Army Regional Control Centers, the Western Sea Frontier Sector Joint Operations Centers be effected concerning all aircraft accidents or crashes, regardless of any local action taken.
- (c) That the respective Army and Navy controllers shall decide on the spot what service will take on the particular incident in question, and if joint action is considered necessary, the exact nature of such mutual assistance will be determined at once by the two controllers.
- (d) That the Commanding General, Fourth Air Force, and the Commander Western Sea Frontier delegate authority to the respective sector and control group commanders to act in the coordination of necessary Air Sea Rescue operations.
- (e) That the Fourth Air Force has the predominant interest and responsibility for taking the initiative in coordinating all search and rescue facilities and procedures over land, and that the Western Sea Frontier has the same predominating interest and responsibility for taking the initiative for coordinating all search and rescue facilities and procedures over the sea.

RERUN OF AUGUST BULLETIN IN SEPTEMBER

This issue of the AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN is No. 4, and it is dated October 1944. Those addressees who are keeping files of the Bulletin will note that while the numbers are con-

secutive, an issue for September does not appear. This opportunity is taken to explain that the lapse between August and October was caused by the necessity to rerun the

August issue to meet demands for additional copies of the No. 3 Bulletin.

The second run of the August issue (No. 3) was substituted for the September AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN.

LANDPLANE DITCHING *Manual Prepared*

The following is taken from "Landplane Ditching Staff Instructional" prepared by the Air Sea Agency Committee to Study Procedures. Contents of the will be printed in two editions in the SEA RESCUE BULLETIN. The one, which appears in this edition, contains information valuable to pilots. The second portion, "Characteristics of Aircraft Which Ditching Stations," applies to those interested in design details.]

INTRODUCTION

Normal or forced landings on air-landplane pilot has a smooth, surface upon which to land. A pilot of a seaplane has to adjust ditching technique to the varying depths of the water upon which his specially designed to alight. Sea surface becomes broken, waves, and swell conditions have been taken into consideration in determining the direction of approach and technique of putting the plane on water. This choice may be complicated by the fact that the waves are running in different directions. As the wind increases, likewise the probability of a seaplane becomes more difficult until such time that the size of the waves makes a landing dangerous. It is surprising that seaplanes sometimes are easily damaged in spite of being designed for water landings, the extent of the problems associated with ditching a landplane in similar conditions is greatly appreciated. This is complicated by the fact that a pilot is not normally trained for water landings; his first ditching may be his first experience of ditching which makes it a much more difficult task to execute successfully. The dangers are further increased by the fact that the landplane is not designed for water landings, although an attempt is made to lessen the resistance to hydrodynamic characteristics is indeed remarkable that so many do survive ditching and are able to land in spite of the fact that they may lack power or be damaged. Ditching may be expected only if the crewmen have understood the complete situation.

It seems important, therefore, to consider the conditions which face the ditching pilot before we study design features which materially affect ditching procedures. The elementary definition of sea conditions must be clearly understood.

WAVES

Waves are an undulating movement of the surface moving in the same direction as the wind (except close in shore or in fast running estuaries). The actual mass of water in a wave does not move in a horizontal direction, except for tidal movement and breaking crests, while the surface particles circulate in an elliptical form. As the wind force increases, the waves become larger until the top of the wave approaches the vertical and breaks. The wind, depth of water, and area affect the distance between waves and their shape. If a tidal stream is running against the wave movement, the seas become shorter and steep.

The roughness of the sea is an indication of the strength of the wind, provided it has been blowing at the same velocity in the same direction for some time. Furthermore, this "roughness" is also an indication of the size of waves.

The indications are as follows:

WIND AND SEA PREDICTION TABLE

Velocity (knots)	Height of sea (feet)	Surface condition
0	0	Smooth slick sea.
2	0	Small occasional ripples.
3-4	½	Small ripples all over—no calm areas.
5-6	1	Well defined waves—smooth with no breaking.
7-9	2	Occasional whitecaps.
10-11	3	Pronounced waves, frequent whitecaps which carry a short distance.
12-13	4	Whitecaps close together, carrying over a distance equal to the wave height, slight traces of wind streaks.
14-16	5	Clearly defined wind streaks whose lengths are becoming equal to about 10 wave lengths. Light flurry patches.
17-19	7-8	Long well-defined streaks, waves and streaks coming from same direction.
20-22	9-10	Streaks are long and straight; whitecaps on every crest; wind picks up and carries mist along; large waves.
23-26	11-14	Large seas; with waves forming on them; wind picks up and carries occasional wave crest.

Velocity (knots)	Height of sea (feet)	Surface condition
27-30	15-21	Heavy seas; pronounced white streaks; wind picks up frequent wave crests and carries along; breaking, rolling waves are forming.
31-37	23	Continual rolling waves; wind carries along all wave crests for a distance equal to ½ wave length; suds or foam streaks.
38-43	25-30	Well-defined foam on the heavy seas; suds or foam streaks; waves and seas breaking and rolling.

The wind will be stronger than the appearance of the sea suggests if it is freshening, blowing off a nearby shore, or with the tide or swell. Waves will be flattened during heavy rain.

Breaking waves may be due to shallow water and in such circumstances must not be used as a wind force calculator.

SWELL

A swell is an undulating movement of the surface caused by past or distant wind disturbances. Swells do not necessarily move with the wind and have no breaking crest except where a shallow bottom builds up a vertical face which will break. If the wind is blowing across the swell, a cross sea is created with the downwind moving waves running on the swell. The depth of water, wave conditions on the swell, and tidal stream are some of the factors which influence the swell size, apart from the wind force which created them.

MENTAL CONDITION

The mental condition imposed upon the pilot should be taken into consideration. Often he has been flying some hours before he is faced with the task of ditching and his aircraft is usually not under full control; his crew may be wounded or passengers of low physical standard; or it may be, and probably is, his first ditching. Such conditions require the highest qualities of skill in handling the aircraft and instructing the crew who depend very largely upon him for their continued existence. Add darkness and a rough sea to such conditions and all will agree that the pilot is indeed tried to the limit. Yet it has been done successfully—quite often.

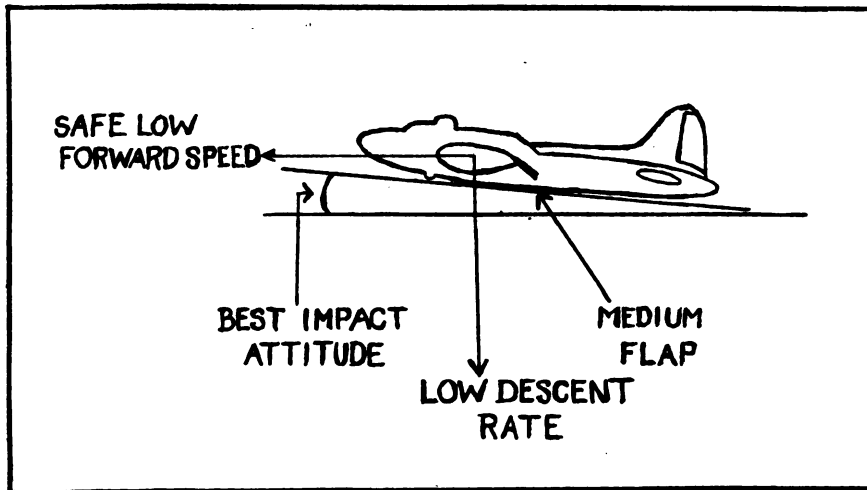


ILLUSTRATION 1.

VISIBILITY AND JUDGMENT OF HEIGHT

Restricted visibility obviously has a direct bearing upon the pilot's judgment. The varying conditions of the water's surface, including reflections from sky conditions, and the absence of land make judgment of height and estimation of the wave and swell movement difficult. Flat calm and muddy water conditions also make accurate judgment difficult.

HANDLING OF THE LANDPLANE IN DITCHING

From the foregoing remarks and because of the normal landplane's unfavorable hydrodynamic characteristics, the pilot must so handle the aircraft that he "lets it down gently" and do all in his power not to fly straight into a swell or wave face. (See ill. 1.)

The following prime factors must therefore be met:

1. Low forward speed.
2. Low rate of descent consistent with safe handling.
3. Good control at the best nose up attitude of impact.
4. The best compromise in choice of approach direction in relation to the waves and/or swell and wind.

USE OF FLAPS

The flaps should be lowered in order to reduce both the forward and vertical speeds at which the aircraft can ap-

proach. A medium setting is recommended. In general, if the flaps are lowered beyond the medium setting comparatively little reduction in forward speed is permissible while the rate of descent is increased and the aircraft approaches in a more nose-down attitude. If the nose is low at such a moment the impact will be violent. On the other hand, it will require more height and keen judgment to flatten out from such an attitude.

There are exceptions to this statement. Most Navy carrier-based fighters have comparatively large flaps which enable the pilot to make a relatively slow approach. This advantage is so great in this particular type of aircraft that full flap is advocated. The second exception is the B-24 Liberator. Here the flaps are so small relatively that almost no reduction in forward speed is obtained when the flaps are lowered to the medium setting. Full flap is recommended with this type of aircraft. Evidence indicates that the water impact on flaps causes no appreciable diving tendency with the possible exception of dive brakes and very strong flaps.

APPROACH WITHOUT POWER

When approaching without power, a greater than normal approach speed should be used. This excess speed has a twofold advantage:

1. It insures good control and some margin of speed after flattening out to allow the pilot to study the seas in order to choose the best point of impact in relation to surface conditions.

2. It aids the pilot not to commit error of stalling in from too high a height.

APPROACH WITH I

If one engine of a two-engine aircraft is available, a little power should be used to flatten the approach; the engine should not be used to the extent that the aircraft cannot pull against it right down to the stall margin of rudder movement. On no account should the power be opened up during the final ditching. The power that can be used will depend on the characteristics of the aircraft and on some cases may be inadvisable to use the all.

If two engines are available on one side of a four-engine aircraft, only one engine should be used. Using one engine generally makes controlling the aircraft too difficult for ditching.

If the inner port and outer engines of a four-engine aircraft are available, it will be possible to use considerable power and adjust the attitude so that little rudder is necessary in case approximates that in the case below.

If power is available some power should be used with two engines, in order to secure the flattest possible approach path and the highest possible landing speed.

The use of power in ditching is important that when it is certain the coast cannot be reached, the pilot should, if possible, ditch before fuel is exhausted.

If symmetrical power is not available a slightly higher than normal approach speed should be used. The speed mentioned previously will insure control and some margin of speed after flattening out to allow the pilot to choose the best point of impact in relation to surface conditions.

Apart from choosing the correct point of impact, the pilot should hold off until all reserve speed is lost so that the impact of the three-point wheel landing is not the slow landing (nose wheel ground) attitude for tricycles.

When ditching by moonlight or at night, the direction of approach is not important. If surface conditions, it is advised to ditch in a direction that places the bow about 30° on the port bow.

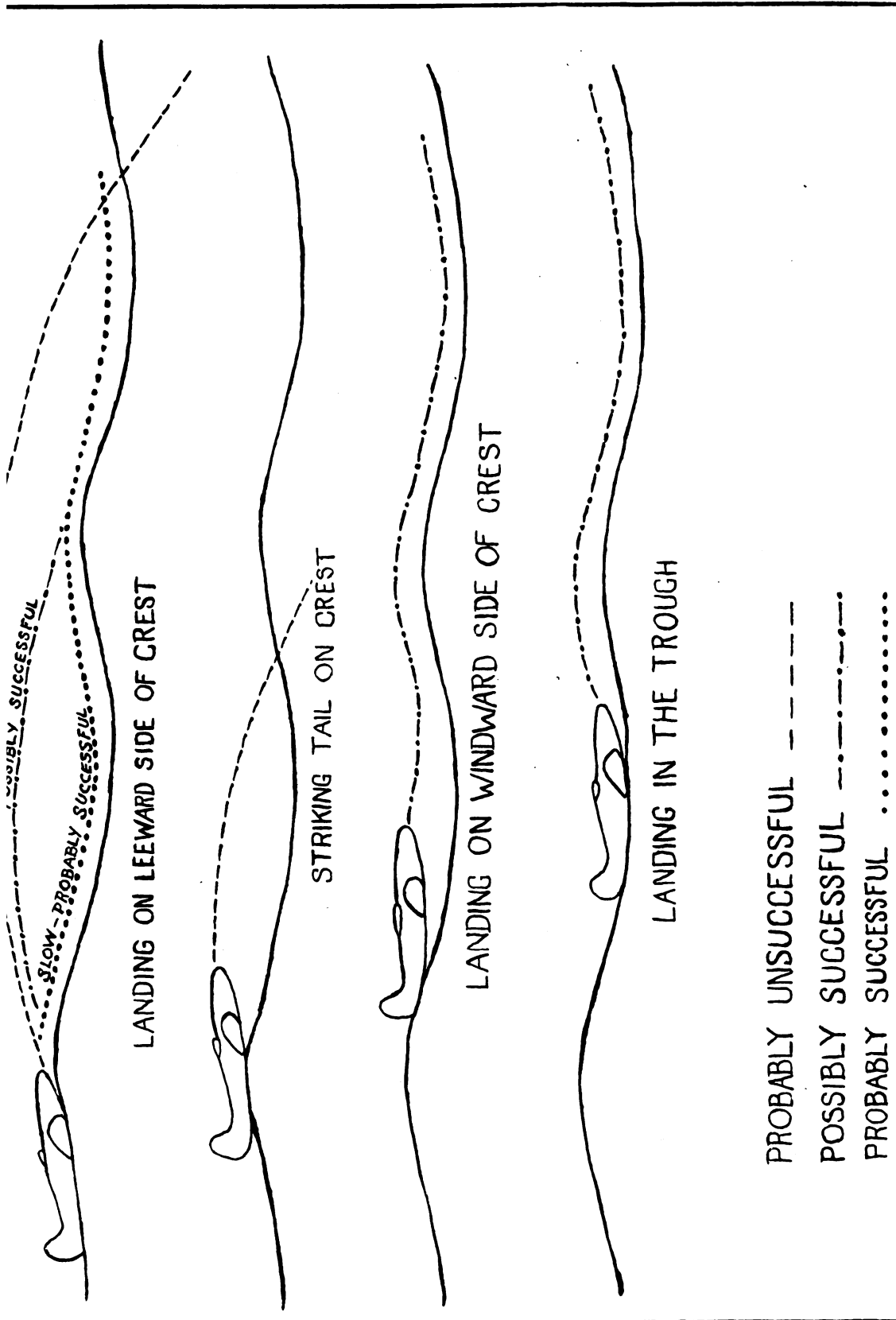


ILLUSTRATION 2.

METHODS, PROCEDURES, AND TECHNIQUES

CHOICE OF APPROACH DIRECTION

In choosing the direction of approach the height and distance apart of waves and swell in relation to the aircraft size is all important.

If a pilot ever has the opportunity of going at 35 knots in a high-speed launch, he will be amply impressed by the might of the sea and the damage it can inflict even on a boat. It should also be noted that the surface craft is

is to become familiar with the sea by flying low over the surface to watch wave and swell movements. From such study, the pilot should make his own choice.

Illustration 2, taken from an original report by D. C. MacPhail and J. C. Ross of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, shows clearly the possibilities of into-wind ditching. Upon studying this diagram, it will be appreciated that the execution of such a ditching calls for accurate judgment.

which is running into the v is obviously the best course this swell were running w which caused waves of dimensions, ditching crosswind near the best course, unless is so strong that the ground be greatly reduced. In the C-47 the distance between is not sufficiently great to into-wind ditching and th shown ditching crosswind swell and waves. (See ill. 4

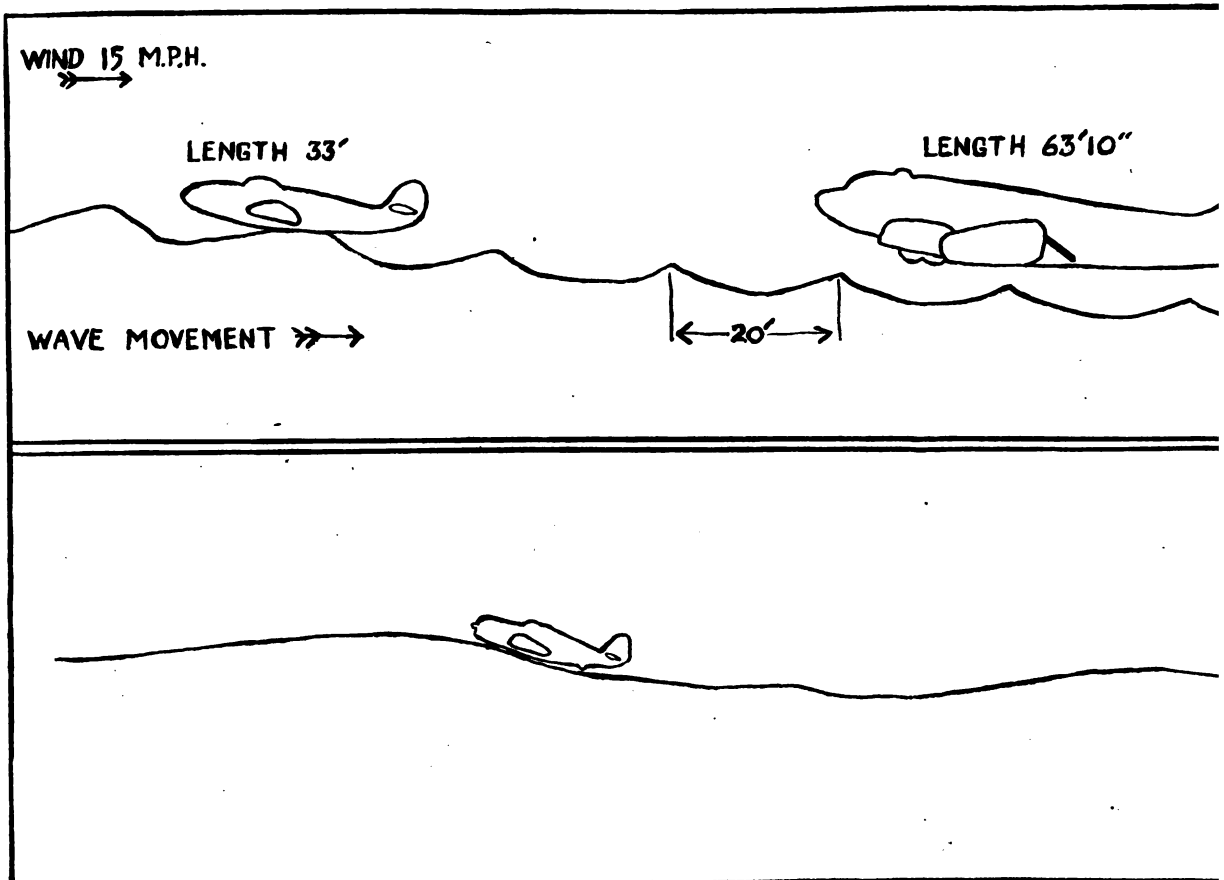


ILLUSTRATION 3.

traveling only at half the aircraft's lowest possible impact speed.

As previously stated, judgment of sea conditions from the air is not easy. It always looks more calm than it really is. Furthermore, it is always difficult to judge just how the waves are running in relation to swell. But the pilot, if he knows the wind speed and direction, can have forewarning of the wave conditions. It should be understood that swell conditions may complicate this rule.

A cut-and-dried ditching technique has not yet been instilled into all pilots. The best advice for the landplane pilot

The C-47 would fare far better than the F6F Hellcat when ditching into wind because of the distance between crests for the C-47 is three wave crests within its own length, whereas the Hellcat only covers one-and-one-half waves. (See ill. 3.) Consequently the fighter is far more likely to dive. In such circumstances, the F6F Hellcat should be ditched crosswind and the C-47 would ditch better that way also, although it may survive ditching into the wind in waves of the size illustrated.

In illustration 3 a single-seated fighter is shown about to ditch into the wind near the top of an unruffled ocean swell

Where waves and swell the pilot must choose which appears to be the less form he is able, he may choose a approach which is a compromise waves and swell.

It will be seen from the Sea Prediction Table (p. 4) wind of 12 to 13 knots the v is four feet. Such seas would be a hazard to a fighter but a heavy bomber. Any seas of four-foot waves present a serious to all landplanes whichatter across them.

However, there are adva

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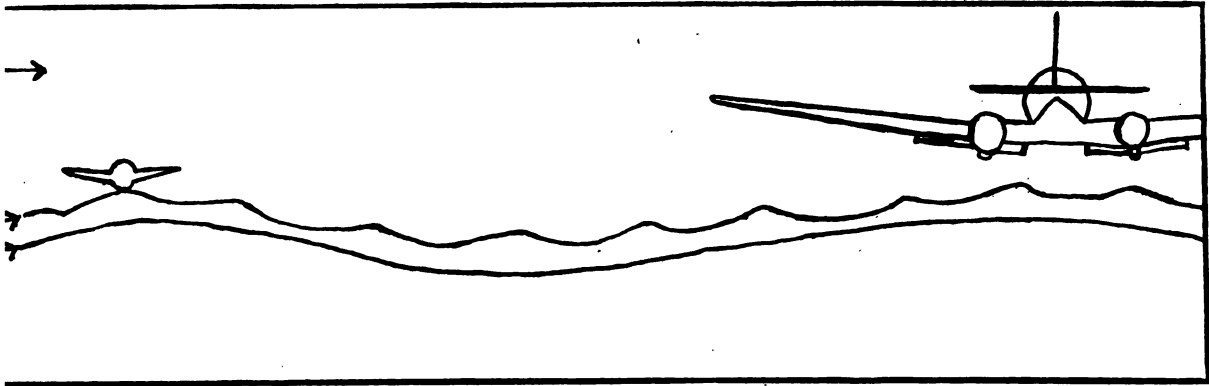


ILLUSTRATION 4.

high winds. As the wind increases the distance between wave crests, thus allowing the pilot opportunity for selecting a more spot on the wave for the act. Also an increase of the wind results in a decrease in ground speed and a corresponding increase in the angle of attack into the wind.

It is necessary to point out that in a condition whatever the distance between wave crests or whatever the angle of attack into the wind ditching is because the impact speed is increased by reason of the high wind. Usually where an aircraft's ground speed is low, into wind ditching is frequently preferable over downwind ditching even though the ground speed is even lower.

In other words, if the pilot commits himself to ditching into wind across the waves he commits himself to two disadvantages. In the first place, he is flying straight into a wave face, and the tail may bounce on a

crest causing the nose to be thrown violently downward.

LANDING CROSSWIND

When it is decided to ditch crosswind or along the swells adopt the following technique:

1. Obtain the lowest rate of descent and forward speed made possible by use of flap and power if available.
2. Maintain the most advantageous nose up attitude of impact made possible by medium of flap and power.
3. Compensate drift by heading.
4. Endeavor to land on the downwind side of the swell top or wave crest.
5. In multi-engined aircraft that side of the aircraft which has maximum power available should be the upwind side, providing this does not involve a low turn near the water. (See ill. 5.)

LANDING INTO WIND

When it is decided to ditch into wind across waves adopt the following technique:

1. Obtain the lowest possible rate of descent. This is important because the relative rate of descent may be increased due to the impact occurring on a rising crest.
2. Obtain the lowest possible forward speed. This is important because the nose may strike a wave face. If the speed is low the impact will be less severe. Also at high speed if the tail strikes a crest pitching will be more violent.
3. Maintain the most advantageous nose up attitude thereby avoiding as far as possible the nose striking a wave face.
4. Endeavor to touch down just before a rising wave face.
5. Endeavor to hold the nose up until all speed is lost.

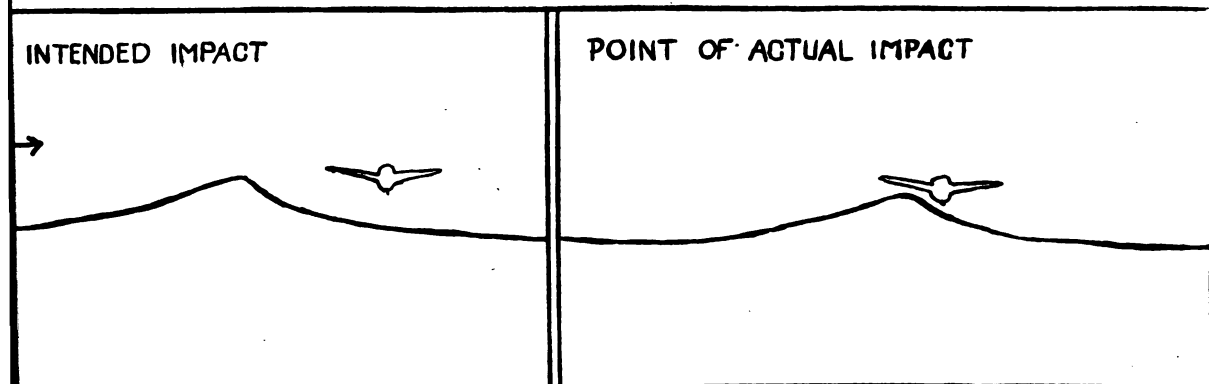


ILLUSTRATION 5.

United States Army Air Forces, Navy, and British Develop

AIRBORNE LIFEBOAT

Versions To Be Dropped From Operational Aircraft

Airborne boats have been adopted by both the Army Air Forces and the Navy for expediting rescue operations. The boats may be dropped by operational aircraft to men downed near enemy waters or in regions where rescues by surface vessels and amphibious aircraft could not be carried out with safety, in waters too rough to land seaplanes, or places too distant to be reached by surface craft or naval vessels. The droppable boats are equipped with motors to enable the survivors to proceed under power to either friendly land or waters less hazardous where rescue might be more readily effected.

The Army and Navy have developed different versions of airborne boats required to conform to peculiarities of the types of aircraft available to the respective services for carrying the boats. The Air Force craft, Airborne Lifeboat, type A-1, is a 27-foot mahogany molded plywood sailing vessel with two inboard motors and sufficient food and water for a crew of twelve men to navigate for about 5 weeks. This boat is suspended under the fuselage of a B-17 aircraft.

The Navy AR-10 Rescue Assembly is especially designed for drops from carrier-based aircraft. This compact, non-rigid pneumatic boat with emergency equipment, outboard motor, and fuel packaged in five separate containers, is carried in the bomb bay of a TBF "Avenger." The rubber boat accommodates ten men, has sufficient fuel for a 50-mile journey under power, and, in addition, is equipped with a mast and sails.

BRITISH AIRBORNE LIFEBOAT

The idea of an airborne lifeboat was originated by an internationally known British boatsman, Mr. Uffa Fox. In 1941 Mr. Fox presented his proposal to Lord Brabazon of Tara, then the Minister of Aircraft Production in England, for dropping a lifeboat from the air by parachute. At the same time Group Captain E. F. Waring, Deputy Director of Air Sea Rescue, Air Ministry, made similar proposals. Few were better qualified to design such a boat than Uffa

Fox, who had designed, built, and mastered nearly every type of craft, from the canoe to the yacht—an individual who had crossed the Atlantic in 60-foot, 40-foot, and 36-foot boats—the author of 8 or 10 very excellent and well-known books on the subject of small boats.

On May 5, 1943, the British Airborne Lifeboat, Mark I, was dropped operationally for the first time to an astounded crew of a plane forced to ditch off the Dutch coast. The second drop was made off the French coast on July 20, 1943. A Wellington returning from a night bombing mission over western Europe was damaged by flak. Oil began to leak from the port engine causing the pressure to drop immediately. The battered plane, flying at 4,000 feet over anti-aircraft batteries along the French coast, headed for the open sea to ditch. The home base was notified that the ship was returning and as the French coast was approached the transmitter key was clamped down. The plane ditched at 0210 hours approximately 26 miles west of Cap de La Hève.

All six crew members boarded their dinghy, but they suffered from seasickness during the first night. On the morning of the sixth day, the crew had drifted east-south-east within sight of the enemy-held coast. To avoid drifting ashore, a long struggle with paddles began. At noon that day they were sighted by a fighter plane approximately 15 miles west of Le Havre. In spite of all their efforts to head north, the dinghy was drifting dangerously near the coast till they were only 7 miles off the coastline north of Le Havre. The plane had established a fix for the distressed crew so the following day a Hudson, with adequate fighter escort, appeared carrying an airborne lifeboat. The crew cast out sea dye marker and fired signal flares to indicate the direction of the wind. The drop was made at an airspeed of 120 miles per hour from an altitude of 700 feet. The lifeboat alighted upward of the crew because it was dropped too late, but with vigorous paddling the dinghy crew soon came alongside.

The crew had seen air diagrams of

the lifeboat, and had read leases of its first rescue, but never seen the instructions. They boarded the craft with immediately performed the getting under way described instructions. It was decided in the proximity to enemy installations to proceed under power to the English Channel and the remainder of the way. After 30 miles at an average speed of 5 knots, they were intercepted by H. S. L.'s. The one boat took aboard to return them to base, the second vessel took the lifeboat to tow. It was estimated that it had not been intercepted till they had reached the eastern coast of France. They approached within 6 hours if continued under power.

Although the rescue was ultimately successful, there were several functional faults in the drop. The inexperienced dinghy crew overcame, and which have been corrected by modification of the proper instruction to load the crews. The rocket drogue failed to hold the boat during the descent. The righting chambers failed to operate. The rear canvas cover was split and leaked from the bomb bay. The parachute failed to release normally when the lifeboat was in the water.

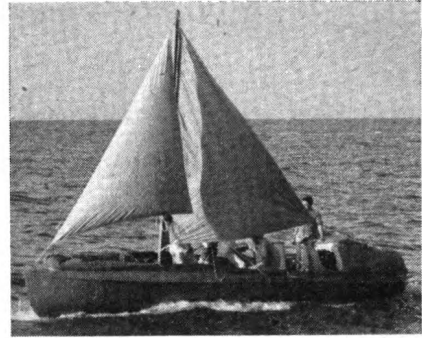
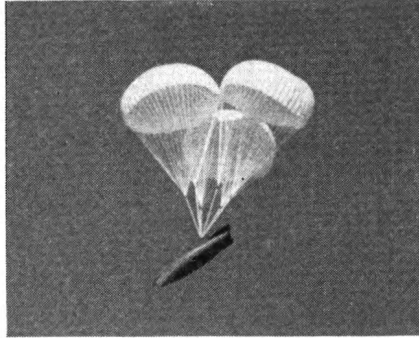
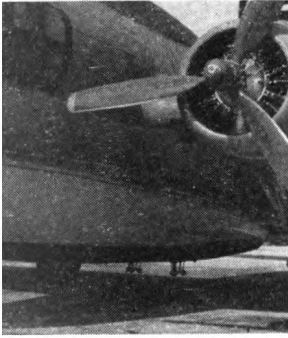
Since then many successful rescues have been carried out by dropping lifeboats to downed air crews in the North Sea, English Channel, and Bay

THREE 32-FOOT PARACHUTES

The original airborne lifeboat I, is suspended under the fuselage of a Hudson. The double skin lifeboat has an "all-up" weight of approximately 1,600 pounds, is 23 feet 5½ feet beam, has a maximum speed of 6½ knots, and a maximum range of 100 miles at 4 knots on one engine, 60 miles at 6 knots on both engines. The boat is designed and equipped to carry seven men.

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foot parachutes, rather than canopy, are used to check the boat in order to check during the descent. The boat strikes the water at a 30° to 40° angle. An automatic release gear discharges the parachutes as soon as the boat is waterborne. During the descent the boat assumes an angle of approximately 40° as a rocket is fired by a level switch which keeps the boat's head to the wind and its drift in the water. Also two rockets which cast off buoyant rope in opposite directions from each side of the boat when the boat is level in the water. A length of about 350 yards of rope which the distressed crew may use is especially helpful when heavy and rough seas block the way of the dinghy crew. The V-shaped feature of the airbags is the inflatable chambers at the aft ends of the boat. The airbags are inflated by a CO₂ cylinder which is activated as the boat strikes the water. Thus, upon reaching the water these pneumatic V-shaped airbags provide buoyancy, and in the event the boat capsizes will turn it in an upright position. In addition to the airbags inflated bags, inter-locks along the sides are topped with floats and serve to prevent water from coming aboard and also to keep the craft stable when heeling.

EQUIPMENT FOR BOAT AND MEN

Equipment carried may be divided into two types—that for navigation of the boat, and equipment stowed in lockers which is for the use of the crew. The equipment is carried in eight watertight compart-

Equipment carried includes:

Quantity:	Item
1.....	Battery.
10½ gallons.....	Fuel.
3 gallons.....	Oil.
4.....	Rowlocks.
4.....	Oars.
2.....	Britannia Middy Motors.
1 set.....	Mast and sails.
1.....	Rudder and tiller.
1.....	Compass.
1 set.....	Charts.
1.....	Chart board with waterproof cover.
3.....	Pencils for use with chart board.
2 sets.....	Leak stoppers.
1.....	Topping-up bellows.
1.....	Boat repair mat.
1.....	Engine tool kit.
1.....	Bilge pump.
1.....	Radio set, T.1333.
1.....	Radio receiver.
1.....	Rocket launched kite aerial complete.
1.....	Auxiliary whip aerial.
1.....	Signaling lamp.
2.....	Filament lamps.
1.....	Signaling pistol in tin box.
54.....	Signaling cartridges in tin box.
4.....	Dinghy smoke floats.
1.....	Waterproof flashlight.
28 cans.....	Condensed milk.
7.....	Emergency flying rations.
49 cans.....	Drinking water.
3.....	Drinking cups.
1.....	First-aid kit.
14.....	Everhot bags.
1 pint.....	Massage oil.
7.....	Outer suits (seamen's protective suits).
7.....	Inner suits.
3 tins.....	Cigarettes.
3.....	Match containers with matches.
1 pack.....	Playing cards in waterproof pack.
1.....	Floating knife.
1.....	Instruction book.

Procedures for setting sail after the crew has boarded the lifeboat vary depending upon the circumstances; that is, after the parachutes have been released (if not completely cleared when the boat struck the water), when the rocket lines have been hauled and stowed, and after the side buoyancy bags have been inflated. If it is of supreme importance to get away from the area, both engines should be started immediately. If the distance to a friendly shore is within the fuel-range of the lifeboat (about 50 to 60 miles),

both engines may be started and a course set with the intention of reaching home under power alone. However, if the distance "home" exceeds the cruising range of the boat, the mast and sail should be stepped as soon as possible.

Stowed, and marked plainly, in one of the lockers are simple, clear instructions for operating the boat under sail's. Actual incidents show that the boat can be handled by a crew of untrained and inexperienced men.

Plans have been made for carrying the Mark I and Ia boats on the Warwick Rescue Aircraft. The British Air Ministry is at present conducting final tests on a 30-foot boat, the Mark II. It will accommodate 10 men, travel at a cruising speed of no less than 7 knots under power alone, and carry sufficient fuel for a 300-mile sea voyage.

AAF LIFEBOAT CARRIED ON B-17

In November 1943, Wing Commander R. Bicknell of the Deputy Directorate, Air Sea Rescue, Air Ministry, brought the line and arrangement drawings and sail plans of a 30-foot airborne lifeboat, plus a Mark Ia Airborne Lifeboat, to the United States. Development was immediately undertaken upon a directive from the Office of Commitments and Requirements of the U. S. Army Air Forces. Experimentation and research took place in the laboratories of the Emergency Rescue Unit, Matériel Command, at Wright Field.

The latest experimental model of the airborne lifeboat, as developed at Wright Field, has been successfully dropped from the B-17 aircraft a total of five times and has been sailed across the Gulf of Mexico for a total of 600 miles. During the sailing test a storm with winds up to 40 miles per hour and waves 20 feet in height were encountered without difficulty. The U. S. Airborne Lifeboat, Army Designation type A-1, Specification 40743, will be used

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primarily for survivors afloat at sea as a result of a ditching or sinking.

The adopted boat is constructed of laminated mahogany plywood molded to give a hull thickness of five-eighths of an inch. It is 27 feet in length, 7½-foot beam, and has twenty watertight compartments. The weight of the lifeboat with equipment, parachutes, and fuel does not exceed 3,250 pounds. Similar to the British boat, it is equipped with carbon dioxide inflated self-righting chambers which prevent its capsizing in any weather. To avoid detection by enemy aircraft the boat is carefully camouflaged with blue to blend with the ocean. It is equipped with two air-cooled four-stroke engines which operate independently of each other.

Speed is 5 miles per hour under one engine and 8 miles per hour under both engines. Cruising range is 500 miles. It is equipped to transport 12 men, but as many as 36 men have been in the boat at one time.

The airborne boat is attached to the aircraft by four suspension cables running up to the standard bomb shackles. It is released by the mechanical bomb salvo lever which can be controlled by the bombardier or the pilot of the plane. When rescuing personnel the pilot flies into the wind at 1,500 feet with an air speed of 120 miles per hour and releases the boat when directly over the distressed crew. As the boat leaves the aircraft the parachutes are opened by means of a static line attached to the keel of the bomb bay catwalk. It descends into the water suspended by three standard Army 48-foot cargo parachutes. As the chutes develop the boat assumes a 50° bow-down attitude and descends at the rate of 25 feet a second. It enters the water at the 50° angle for about one-third of its length to reduce the impact force to a minimum. Upon striking the water, two 200-yard rocket projected side lines (adaptation from the British) eject from each side of the boat. The parachutes act as sea anchors to hold the boat in position so that it can be reached by the personnel floating downwind directly to the position where the boat was dropped. Upon reaching the boat the crew follows the exact procedure outlined in an instructional booklet stowed in one of the lockers. The first step is to release the parachutes. Next, the engines are started, sails are hoisted and the crew gets under way. When the boat is dropped, the aircraft crew include a map of the area indicating the

exact position of the crew adrift and the approximate course they should navigate. The sails are small in area with adequate reef points to facilitate handling of the boat by totally inexperienced crews. The elements of sailing and operation of a small boat in open sea are explained in detail in the instructional booklet.

AAF BOAT EQUIPMENT

Equipment of this boat includes:

Quantity:	Item
2.....	Aircooled engines, 5 horsepower.
1 set.....	Mast and sails.
2.....	Oars and rowlocks.
1.....	Tiller and rudder assembly.
1.....	Heaving quoit with line.
1.....	Log, taffrail.
1.....	Compass, flush deck.
1.....	Raincatcher.
1.....	Sea anchor.
1.....	Bucket, 10-quart.
1.....	Tool kit.
1.....	Bilge pump.
1.....	Logbook.
1.....	Waterproof chart case.
6.....	Pencils.
1.....	Sail repair kit.
8.....	Plastic cups.
1.....	Can opener.
1.....	Inflation pump.
1.....	Clock.
1.....	Fire extinguisher.
1 set.....	Hydrographic charts.
1.....	Instruction book.
2.....	<i>The Raft Book—Gatty.</i>
2.....	Sponges.
1 hank.....	Cord.
250.....	Matches.
2.....	Floating knives.
4.....	Air mattresses.
8.....	Blankets.
30.....	Two-star, red, hand-held pyrotechnic signals, Mark III.
2.....	Waterproof flashlight with bulbs and batteries.
1.....	Lamp assembly, flashlight.
10.....	Hand-held smoke distress signals.
3.....	Emergency signaling mirrors.
3 cans.....	Sea marker dye.
2.....	Police whistles.
1.....	Abandon ship kit.
2 units.....	Human blood plasma.
2.....	Sunburn protective ointment.
2.....	Engine saltwater stills.
30.....	Desalination kits.
30 cans.....	Drinking water.
6 bars.....	Saltwater soap.
12 pair.....	Socks.
12 pair.....	Underwear, drawers.
24.....	Undershirts.
24.....	Hats.
6.....	Rubberized suits.
2 pair.....	Rubber boots.
2.....	Wrist compasses.
3 cartons.....	Chewing gum.
20 cans.....	Cigarettes.
60 boxes.....	Breakfast (2 meals each).
60 boxes.....	Suppers (2 meals each).
20 tins.....	Life raft rations.

The boat is equipped with food, water, and clothing sufficient for transporting 12 survivors about 5 weeks across any navigable waters of the world. In ad-

dition to the water supply of drinking water and desalin the water ration may be supplied by using the heat of the engine to produce 2 gallons of distillate for every gallon of fuel. The head of the engine is used to heat soup. The U. S. Signal Corps 578 radio, popularly known as "son Girl," may be stowed in at the discretion of the local rescue squadrons, depending on use of radio in the particular of the mission.

It is anticipated that at least one boat will be stationed at each of the B-17's operate over water. Personnel at sea. The boat is designed that it can be attached to standard operational B-17 in 60 minutes. The 60 minutes required in order to remove bay doors of the aircraft and suspension cables to the bomb of the plane.

The Higgins Industries, Inc., Orleans, La., have been put under contract by the Army Air Force procurement of 600 airborne delivery was to commence on October 1944, at the rate of 50 month.

NAVY AR-10

The Navy also regards air rescue as important in its rescue operations. The choice in the type of aircraft able to carry a boat on its back is limited. As a matter of fact, most planes with the exception of the B-17 used largely by the Marines, do not have the JM used for training, were used. Since the Navy Air Force is interested in Navy turned first to develop a small, compact, non-rigid boat to be carried on the TBF plane aircraft carriers. As a result of research and experimentation the Rescue Assembly was designed and dropped from the bomb bay of the type aircraft. The equipment is stowed in five containers, including a man boat, 2 revised shipwreck outboard motor, and a fuel tank with approximately 8 gallon line. The gear, dropped in the bomb bay together with 35 yards of line between each container, is dropped, the time of the drop controlled by the intervalometer predetermined setting from a height of approximately 100 feet at a speed of about 70 to 80 knots.

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FACTORS IN PYROTECHNICS VISIBILITY

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Principal factors controlling the visibility of pyrotechnics are design, distance and atmospheric conditions.

Factors of design include candlepower, degree of separation of the composite signal (blinker, chain).

Factors of position include height at flare or signal functions, distance from observer to signal, distance from observer to objective to be illuminated, and relative position of objective, and observer.

Atmospheric conditions include clarity, time (day or night), presence, fog, dust, rain, or snow, and brightness of the sky.

Visibility of signals and illumination of flares depends primarily on candlepower of the pyrotechnic. Although there are minor variations in composition and density, there is a direct relation to the amount of light produced by a given weight of candle. A thicker candle will give illumination for a shorter time than a thin candle of the same weight which will burn for a longer time with less brilliance.

COLOR FACTORS

There is a variation in the visibility of signals which is due to the following two factors:

1. Greater sensitivity of the eyes to the middle of the spectrum, yellow and its neighbors, orange; and the greater ability of longer light waves (reds and oranges) to penetrate haze and fog.

2. Color and texture of an objective affect the amount of light reflected by the objective. Consequently, its visibility. For example, a barren ground, such as an airfield, is three or four times as much visible over deep water and needs less illumination.

Signals can be seen much farther than in the daytime or 2 miles at night. A pattern can be distinguished at a distance of 2 miles or more, the variation of such signals as chains or lines and into each other, giving the effect of a single spot of light. In the daytime most colors fade or otherwise lose visibility at long range. Consequently, chain signals are apt to be more visible at distances greater than 2 miles in the daytime or 2 miles at

The closer a flare is to an objective, the greater will be the illumination and, hence, the greater the visibility, provided the flare is not so close to the line of vision as to blind the observer by its glare.

A flare above and behind the observer illuminates nearby objects well but is useless for long range observation.

A flare midway between the observer and objective loses effectiveness due to the distance its light must travel to the objective and back to the observer.

A flare placed behind the objective and almost in line of vision is useful in silhouetting the objective, especially when the atmosphere is slightly hazy.

BACKGROUND AND VISIBILITY

Backgrounds which offer contrast in color or brightness increase visibility; noncontrasting backgrounds materially reduce it.

Although light is diffused in all directions from an unpolished object, the maximum amount of light is reflected according to the same principle as that

of a mirror. The angle at which the light leaves the reflecting surface is equal to the angle at which it strikes; this angle of observation will consequently give maximum visibility.

PYROTECHNICS' USE GUIDE

Particles of dust, moisture, or smoke in the air materially reduce visibility. All colors are affected, but reds and yellows less so than the greens and blues. Heavy fog, snow, or rain will totally obscure the light from pyrotechnics at distances so short as to make their use impractical. Sky background and direction alter color and distinctiveness materially, for example, looking toward the sun.

The following table will serve as a guide in the use of pyrotechnics. This table is based on a fixed distance. Variation due to distance should be calculated by the use of the inverse square law.

Candlepower of colored light necessary for visibility at 5,000 yards:

Atmospheric conditions	Red	Amber	White	Green
Night, clear.....	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.8
Night, rain, light.....	1.2	2.1	3.0	3.2
Night, overcast and haze.....	3.2	4.1	3.1	5.9
Night, rain, heavy.....	8.9	33.5	132.0	33.5
Night, snow, light.....	222.0	835.0	1,556.0	567.0
Day, overcast and haze.....	2,000.0	2,111.0	3,222.0	4,000.0
Day, clear.....	4,778.0	7,556.0	11,111.0	10,000.0

Distances at which, under average weather conditions, the various type of signals may be recognized are governed by the following considerations. Signals may be seen at greater distances but, due to the tendency of colors

to change with distance and the tendency of several lights to merge into one, reliable recognition of the TYPE of signal should not be expected at distances notably greater than 1,500 yards in DAYTIME, or 2 miles at NIGHT.

British Revised Desalination Kit

A new version of the W. P. R. B. (Water Pollution Research Board) kit, a chemical process for desalination of sea water, is now in production.

A description of the use and operation of the earlier model appeared in the June issue of the AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN. The new kit will be enclosed in a plastic container the same dimensions as the original container and will carry nine briquets which will yield approximately 5½ Imperial pints

of potable water. The weight of the complete kit will be 2 pounds and the amount of water produced one-half that of the first model. The second container, pump, and filter papers have been removed, thus simplifying the operation. The principle of the operation of the kit is similar to the Navy-Permutit system of kneading the briquet and sea water in a flexible bag, and drawing the drinking water through a filter and tube at the bottom of the bag.

NEW LIFE PRESERVER CONSERVES KAPOK

A prospective shortage of kapok has stimulated efforts to conserve the present supply of kapok and to provide acceptable substitutes in quantity. The situation caused the War Production Board to issue Order M-85, dated 22 May 1944, limiting the use of kapok to life vests, life jackets and collars.

Designs of life preservers have been modified and new designs prepared aimed at using kapok to the best advantage. These designs also incorporate special features permitting the laundering of life preservers without affecting the kapok in the removable pads. Kapok, under suitable restrictions, is being reclaimed and used to replace a certain proportion of new kapok in the manufacture of preservers. The Foreign Economic Administration is arranging for purchase of kapok from sources not previously furnishing material acceptable for use in life preservers. Technical assistance from the Services will insure that any material obtained from these sources is suitable for life preserver use.

Investigations are under way in England, in Canada, and by various agencies in this country, aiming at the production of an acceptable substitute in quantity. Among these may be mentioned the activities of the War Production Board and the Department of Agriculture in the stimulation of the production of milkweed floss. Research investigation of all buoyant fibers is under way at Vanderbilt University. Another research project on development of a synthetic buoyant material as a substitute for kapok in the manufacture of life preservers recently has been initiated at the Mellon Institute by the National Research Council at request of the Air Sea Rescue Agency.

A NEW LIFE PRESERVER

Meanwhile, in line with these efforts, a new life preserver designed to conserve critical kapok, developed through the Air Sea Rescue Agency, has been approved by the United States Coast Guard.

While kapok conservation was the principal objective of those working on the new preserver, it also embodies improvements in flotation and fit characteristics, features a body strap for hoisting unconscious wearers, and it is adapted for use with rubber lifesaving suits. These features are among those

specified in designs, approved by the Coast Guard on the following models:

1. Coast Guard adult kapok life preserver Model 1 (CG drawing No. F-49-6-1, sheets 1 and 2, and specification dated June 10, 1944) (20 to 21 ounces kapok, removable pads enclosed within vinylite covering) (for general use).

2. Coast Guard adult kapok life preserver, Model 2 (CG drawing No. F-49-6-1, sheets 1 and 2, and specification dated June 10, 1944) (20 to 21 ounces kapok, removable pads not enclosed within vinylite covering) (for general use).

3. Coast Guard adult kapok life preserver, Model 3 (CG drawing No. F-49-6-1, sheets 1 and 2, and specification dated June 10, 1944) (23 to 24 ounces kapok, removable pads enclosed within vinylite covering) (for use with life-saving suits).

Approval of these designs was reported in the Federal Register June 21, 1944.

Application for patent covering the design of the life preserver is filed in the name of R. E. Coombs, USCGR, inventor, and assignment of the invention to the Government of the United States has been made by Captain Coombs.

The simplicity and ruggedness of the new life preserver is said to result generally in improvement over kapok preservers now in use. It is the consensus of the subcommittee working with Captain Coombs that the models with 20 to 21 ounces of kapok should be recommended, to the services involved, as a standard life preserver for general use in all ocean and coastwise service for the duration of the war, and that those with 23 to 24 ounces of kapok should be recommended for use with rubber lifesaving suits used by Merchant Marine personnel. The subcommittee is aware, however, that this style of life preserver would not be suitable for all types of service. For example, it would not be suitable for soldiers engaged in invasion actions.

KAPOK PADS REMOVABLE

Officially designated as "Life preserver, kapok (jacket type) Style ASRA-10," the life preserver consists essentially of a vest-cut envelope containing pockets in which are enclosed pads of buoyant material. The envelope

is fitted with tapes to provide reversibility and proper adjustment close fit to adult bodies of various flotation characteristics are incorporated into the design so that it is held in an upright position in water, but at a slightly backward angle with head and face above the water.

Removable kapok pads are provided, permitting the use of kapok from damaged or soiled jackets. A feature allows for removal of pads for laundering covers when they become soiled (which may be desirable in cases where they are used for troop transport use).

The new life preserver, after being submerged 48 hours in fresh water, reported the following net weight:

Life preserver with 20 ounces kapok
Life preserver with 24 ounces kapok

The principle of subdividing the pads is incorporated in order to obtain optimum buoyancy under all conditions of service.

Reversibility and adjustment are accomplished by enclosing tapes and drawstrings across the back in such a manner so that when the tapes are pulled the jacket gathers across the back to give a snug fit around the waist and is held closely to the body of the wearer by the body strap webbing with its double D ring fastening mechanism, provides fastening and adjustment in one pull of the webbing.

The jacket does not ride up on the wearer, when properly adjusted, to give a close fit around the neck accomplished by pulling and crossing drawstrings and the chest achieved by pulling the body strip tight.

The jacket is reinforced by 3/4-inch tape at critical points around the back of the collar, openings for the body strap reversibility, and the drawstring openings.

The body strap may be used to pull the wearer out of the water or from the water a wearer who is weakened or unconscious.

A tab provided on the left side of the life preserver is for easy attachment of the life preserver to the life line.

The life preserver (Models 1, 2, and 3) is suitable for use in conjunction with rubber lifesaving suits as well as for general purposes, but the net weight is 23 to 24 ounces of

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7 recommended for use with lifesaving suits, whereas the taining 20 to 21 ounces of suitable for general use with-saving suits.

lope is to be not more than one piece for either side, seams and stitching. Three e formed for insertion of s. The two front pads are from the envelope when por-

tions of the lower longitudinal seam are open and the back pad is removable when a portion of the armhole seam is open.

DESIGNED FOR
SUBSTITUTES

The kapok pads are formed from two pieces of material which are stitched in a manner to allow wetting with kapok distributed as follows:

DISTRIBUTION OF KAPOK IN PAD INSERTS

	Type 1 life preserver		Type 2 life preserver		Type 3 life preserver	
	Min. (oz.)	Max. (oz.)	Min. (oz.)	Max. (oz.)	Min. (oz.)	Max. (oz.)
ok.....	20	21	20	21	23	24
ion.....	4¾	5	4¾	5	5½	5¾
ion.....	2¾	3	2¾	3	3¾	3¾
.....	4¾	5	4¾	5	5½	5¾

gn of the life preserver is if kapok were no longer other material might be in- into the pockets for buoy- out further changing the d design of the jacket.

ervation of kapok and man- removable pad inserts are ith vinylite coated fabric, e heat-sealed tight in a man- to the construction of the avy kapok life jacket. It is ed that certain classes of ht better utilize this design sver without vinylite pad nd provision was so made cifications. It was recom-) that the pads with or with- : covering, properly secured e used by the War Depart- v of its successful experience ng Army life preservers. aracteristic details of the ver follow:

apes at the neck extend not 4 inches from the edge of reserver and are stitched elope. The free ends are l stitched according to Fed- cations.

strings at the waist are 52 length and are secured in ing tunnel. The free ends l over and stitched in ac- ith Federal specifications. r lifting strap is secured in rmed between two pieces of e. The outside edge of the ngs are 20 inches from the of the jacket. The other body strap is doubled over

and stitched in accordance with Fed- eral specifications.

The binding tape is stitched approxi- mately 15 inches around the back of the neck and is stitched also around the openings for reversibility of the body strap and around the end-openings of the drawstring tunnel.

The tab for attachment of the life preserver light is securely stitched to the left shoulder. It is approximately 3½ inches cut length and the free end is doubled over and stitched according to Federal specifications.

The life preserver envelope or cover is of cotton drill, treated with an approved fire-resistive substance comply- ing with Navy Department specifica- tions.

The covering for the kapok pads is of unbleached cotton print cloth with a minimum breaking strength of 40 pounds in warp and 25 pounds in the filling.

FLAME RESISTANT
COVERING

The outer covering for the kapok pads consists of a coated fabric possess- ing flame resistance and other charac- teristics specified by the Bureau of Ships, U. S. Navy.

The tie tapes at the neck and the lower drawstrings are 1¼-inch cotton tape identical in color to the treated drill jacket, weighing not less than 0.3 ounce per linear yard and having a minimum breaking strength of 200 pounds. The tie tapes and drawstrings

are not treated with a fire-resistive substance.

The body strap is of 1-inch cotton webbing, olive drab or equivalent in color to the cotton drill covering, weighing not more than 1.5 ounces per linear yard and having a minimum breaking strength of 400 pounds.

The D rings are of steel, ends welded to form complete ring. They are gal- vanized or otherwise suitably protected against corrosion. When assembled, the complete body strap with D ring fastening arrangement has a breaking strength of not less than 360 pounds.

The tab for attachment of the life preserver light is of 1-inch cotton webbing identical to that for the hoist- ing strap.

The reinforcing tape is of ¾-inch cot- ton equivalent in color to the treated drill jacket covering, weighing not less than 0.18 ounce per linear yard and having a minimum breaking strength of 120 pounds. This cotton tape is treated with an approved fire-resistive sub- stance complying with Navy specifica- tions.

Work on this life preserver, including design and testing, was done by an Air Sea Rescue Agency committee on design and testing of life preservers. The action followed a conference of repre- sentatives of all interested services called December 16, 1943, by the Co- ordinator of Research and Development, United States Navy. Economic utiliza- tion of kapok in life preservers and the finding of acceptable substitutes were of immediate concern of those who sponsored the meeting.

MODEL AND TYPES
TESTED

A subcommittee was formed to undertake the task of designing and constructing a life preserver which would permit economic use of kapok, al- low easier reclamation of used kapok from surveyed life preservers, provide ready utilization of substitute buoyant materials which might be used if kapok were not available and devise other improvements over present type kapok life preserver. The subcommit- tee sought also the development of a life preserver which would be suitable for use with rubber lifesaving suits as well as for general use.

Recommendations were made after comparative tests between experimental models and models of other types of kapok life preservers including the

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Additional Types of Equipment Received for Exhibit

(May 14 to September 30, 1944)

Catalog number	Object	Source	Catalog number	Object	Source
44.168.1.1-4	Mirror, distress signaling, Sav-A-Life.	C. H. Wilson, Los Angeles, Calif.	44.212.9-12	Heads, operating, CO ₂ cylinders (6D/125, 6D/633, 6D/752, 6D/454) (4).	United King British Air New York
44.170.1.1-11	Kit, fishing and sewing (for C-1 vest).	Matériel Command Wright Fields, Dayton, Ohio.	44.212.13.1	Container, Bircham supplying dropping (15B/82) (unopened; contents uncatalogued).	Do.
44.172.1.1-12	Pencils (12) for crash boats	St. Louis Medical Depot, St. Louis, Mo.	44.212.14	Pack, emergency, type 6 (27C/2094).	Do.
44.173.1.1-5	Generator, Model LCPE-24F (Fighter pilot's rescue marker).	Lithalloys Corporation, New York, N. Y.	44.212.15	Signal, distress, 2 star red, MK. II.	Do.
44.175.1.1-3	Markers "Taxiway" with Scotchlite (3).	Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co., St. Paul, Minn.	44.212.16	Drogue, sea, small (27C/1890)	Do.
44.178.1	Ration, Army Air Force, pocket individual operational (Strato Sweets).	U. S. Army Quartermaster Depot, Chicago, Ill.	44.212.17	Cover, weather apron (27C/2034).	Do.
44.181.1-10	Splints (2) with accessories (for crash boats).	Binghamton Medical Depot, Binghamton, N. Y.	44.212.18	Marker, sea, fluorescent	Do.
44.185.1	Strap, litter securing (for crash boats).	Los Angeles Medical Depot, Los Angeles, Calif.	44.212.19	Dinghy, type H, Mk. III (27D/1879).	Do.
44.186.1-3	Sea anchors for pneumatic rafts (3).	AAF Supply Officer, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.	44.212.20.1-8	Dinghy, single seater, type K (Fighter Pilot's, 27C/1899).	Do.
44.189.1-4.1-10	Kits, drinking water, Permutit, in water can type of container (4).	U. S. N., BuAer, Washington, D. C.	44.212.21	Dinghy, emergency, type M (27C/1916).	Do.
44.190.1-3	Ration U. S. Navy emergency life raft, Spec. NAVAER M-539b (3).	National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Md.	44.212.22.1-2	Covers, weather (27C/2036) (2).	Do.
44.191.1	Tubing, luminous	John Mackler & Co., Chicago, Ill.	44.212.23	Dinghy, type M (27C/1883)	Do.
44.192.1-2.1-2	Lighters "Foxhole" (2)	Canadian Joint Staff, Washington, D. C. (Air Member's Office).	44.212.24	Dinghy, type J, Mk. III (27C/1882).	Do.
44.193.1.1-3	"Lifelite" Model A-3 (hand-made).	Julian A. McDermott, Corporation, Elmhurst, N. Y.	44.212.25	Dinghy, type K (27C/1927)	Do.
44.194.1	Button strap, retroflective (plastic strap).	Continental Lithograph Corporation, Cleveland, Ohio.	44.212.26	Cover, weather apron (27C/2037).	Do.
44.196.1	Harness, survivor rescue	Air Sea Rescue Agency.	44.212.27.1-6	Dinghy, type Q (27C/2065)	Do.
44.196.2-3.1-4	Suits, exposure, Naval EN-44, and cases (4).	B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio.	44.212.28.1-6	Dinghy, type D (27C/2115)	Do.
44.196.4-5.1-2			44.212.29.1-2	Dinghy, type L (27C/1897)	Do.
44.199.1	Model, Liberty Ship, in glass case.	U. S. Maritime Commission, Department of Commerce Building, Washington, D. C.	44.212.30	Water (drinking) (27P/8)	Do.
44.200.1	Still, fuel, experimental (life raft).	Higgins Industries, Inc., New Orleans, La.	44.212.31	Torch, electric, waterproof Mk. II (5A/2910).	Do.
44.201.1-3	Fishing equipment, improvised hooks and lines, display boards (3).	Naval Aviation Training Division, Chapel Hill, N. C.	44.212.32	Inflator, breast type (27C/1880).	Do.
44.203.1-5	Sea markers (5)	NASD, Norfolk, Va.	44.212.33.1-2	Mirror, heliograph (27C/2102)	Do.
44.205.1-45	Still, 10-gallon per hour, distillation unit, series D.	Higgins Industries, Inc., New Orleans, La.	44.212.34.1.1-2	Bag, "Ever-Hot" (22C/175)	Do.
44.206.1.1-7	Rude star finder and identifier, H. O. No. 21-02-B.	Hydrographic Office, Washington, D. C.	44.212.35	Knife, floating (27C/2023)	Do.
44.207.1.1-5	Still, solar, Model B-3, inflated type (experimental).	Gallowhur Chemical Corporation, New York, N. Y.	44.212.36.1-9	Kit, repair, for dinghies (27C/1164).	Do.
44.208.1	Signal, smoke, A. P., life jacket, Mark I, orange.	U. S. N., BuOrd, Washington, D. C.	44.212.37	Valise (27C/2066)	Do.
44.209.1.1-23	Raft, life, one man parachute type, Spec. No. AN-R-2b.	Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va.	44.212.38	Pack, dinghy, type B (empty) (27C/1900).	Do.
	BRITISH EQUIPMENT, R. A. F.		44.212.39	Cup, drinking and bailer, graduated (27C/2033).	Do.
44.212.1-6	Cylinders, gas, CO ₂ (6) (6D/77, 6D/84, 6D/151, 6D/87, 6D/542, 6D/535).	United Kingdom (through British Air Commission, New York City).	44.212.40	Whistle, air crew (23/230)	Do.
44.212.7	Cover, weather apron, (27C/2035)	Do.	44.212.41	Bag, mast (27C/2091)	Do.
44.212.8.1-4	Mast, C/W guys, telescopic (27C/2067).	Do.	44.212.42	Bag, bellows (27C/2092)	Do.
			44.212.43	Pistol, signal 1", No. 2 (Mk. V (7B971).	Do.
			44.212.44	Head, operating, CO ₂ cylinders, type B (6D/79).	Do.
			44.212.45	Bag, felt (27C/2093)	Do.
			44.212.46	Manometer (27C/1926)	Do.
			44.212.47	Switch, immersion (6D/148)	Do.
			44.212.48.1.1-2	Dinghy, Spitfire rescue (15B/92).	Do.
			44.212.48.2.1		

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	Pump, hand, concertina type.	United Kingdom (through British Air Commission, New York City).	44.212.89.....	Sail, C/W mast, for one man pneumatic raft (27C/2055 and 27C/2054)	United Kingdom (through British Air Commission, New York City).
	Line, 5' 1½".....	Do.	44.213.1-8.1-9.....	Rations, lifeboat and life raft, Merchant Marine type, 8 cartons.	U. S. Maritime Commission, Washington, D. C.
	Line, in winding cylinder.....	Do.	44.213.9-42.1-9.....	Water lifeboat and life raft, Merchant Marine type, 34 cartons.	Do.
	Pack, dinghy, tropical, for type K dinghy (27C/2019).	Do.	44.215.1-6.....	Ration D, U. S. Army field (6).	O. Q. M. G., Washington, D. C.
	Pack, dinghy, type C, for type K dinghy (27C/1920).	Do.	44.215.7-12.....	Ration K, U. S. Army field (2 breakfast, 2 dinner, 2 supper—in new colored wrapping).	Do
	Pack, dinghy, type D, for type K dinghy (27C/2027).	Do.	44.216.1-3.1-4 44.216.4.1-3 44.216.5	"Var-Lite" sea sponge units (4).	The Varnition Co., Los Angeles, Calif.
	Pack, dinghy, seat type "A," Mk. III, for type K dinghy (27C/2088).	Do.	44.216.6-18.....		"Var-Lite" grounds (3), light starter crystals (6), and paste (3).
	Valise, for "C" or "M" dinghy (27C/1889).	Do.	44.216.19-21.1-2.....	Flags "Var-Lite" (3) and crystals (3).	Do.
	Valise, for "H" type dinghy (27C/1893).	Do.	44.217.1.....	Still, solar, for pneumatic life rafts (experimental), Higgins-Ushakoff model.	Higgins Industries, Inc., New Orleans, La.
	Valise, for Lindholme apparatus (15B/79).	Do.	44.220.1.1-.....	Kit, shipwreck (contents not catalogued).	Coast Guard Air Station San Diego, Calif.
	Lindholme rescue dinghy apparatus (15B/71).	Do.	44.220.2-7.....	Dye markers, fluorescein and aluminum powder (6).	Do.
	Inflator, dinghy, concertina type, British (27C/2083).	Do.	44.221.1.1-24.....	Vest, emergency sustenance, type C-1.	Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.
	Pouch, to hold 3 signals (27C/2053).	Do.	44.222.2.....	Projector, hand, Mk. IV.....	Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
	Container, Nestor, waterproof, match (12D/460).	Do.	44.223.2.1-42.....	Raft, Navy, Mark IV, type D, Spec. M-3Q.	SO. Naval Air Station Anacostia, D. C.
	Rations, flying, Mark II (27P/7).	Do.	44.224.1.....	Pemmican, Wilson's (experimental emergency ration).	Arctic, Desert, Tropic, Information Center, Washington, D. C.
	Stoppers, leak, nested (27C/1876) (3).	Do.	44.227.5-16.....	Manuals (12) "Survival on Land and Sea."	BuAer, Washington, D. C.
	Stoppers, leak, small and medium (27C/1903).	Do.	44.228.1-4.....	Insect repellents (dimethyl phthalate) (3) and one copy of the Technical Bulletin TB MED 31.	War Dept. A. S. F., Office of the Surgeon General.
	Bailer, collapsible (27C/1902)...	Do.	44.229.1.1-29.....	Kits, back pad Spec. M-592...	Naval Aviation Supply Depot, Philadelphia, Pa.
	Case, for sail and mast (27C/2056).	Do.	44.230.1.....	Hat-headnet (new standard Navy) Spec. M565A.	BuAer, Washington, D. C.
	Sleeve, protecting, for CO ₂ cylinder (27C/2044).	Do.	44.231.1-2.....	Signals (2) daytime distress (dummies) VK M-1.	Van Karner Chemical Arms Corporation, Marine Signal Division, Port Jervis, N. Y.
	Bag, sail (27C/2090).....	Do.	44.231.3-4.....	Lights (2), red distress (dummies) VK M-2.	Do.
	Paddles, small, hand (27C/1906).	Do.	44.231.5-6.....	Lights, (2), blue pilot (dummies) VK M-3.	Do.
	Unit, loading (aerial), type 6 (10B/1247).	Do.	44.231.7-8.....	Signals-aircraft distress (dummies) VK M-6.	Do.
	Bulbs (2) (5L/1872, lamp filament).	Do.	44.231.9-10.....	Lights, green, distress (2) (dummies) V K M-7.	Do
	Compass, magnetic, marching, Mark I (6E/374).	Do.	44.231.11-12.....	Lights, white, distress (2) (dummies) V K M-7.	Do.
	Head, operating, CO ₂ cylinder, type G (6D/126).	Do.	44.231.13.....	Parachute gun V K M-12.....	Do.
	Pack, emergency, type 3 (27C/1929).	Do.	44.231.14.1-2.....	Parachute shell, and charge (parachute signal) V K M-12.	Do.
	Pack, emergency, type 5 (27C/1919).	Do.	44.233.1.....	Stokes litter.....	Commander LeBlanc, Medical Section, U. S. C. G. Headquarters, Washington, D. C.
	Pack, emergency, type 4 (27C/1930).	Do.	44.234.1-4.....	Fuel tablets, ration heating (4).	O Q M G., Washington, D. C.
	Pack, emergency, type 7 (27C/1931).	Do.			
	Paddles, glove, drogue type (27C/1894) (2).	Do.			
	Thwart, wooden (27C).....	Do.			
	Paddles, plastic (27C/1039) (2).	Do.			
	Pump, deflation, flotation (4G/1310).	Do.			
	Mainsail (27C/2069).....	Do.			
	Foresail (27C/2068).....	Do.			
	Rudder (27C/2070).....	Do.			
	Kite, collapsible, Mk. II (incomplete) (51/162).	Do.			
	Aerial, mast, (10B/1162).....	Do.			

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USE OF EYES *At Night May Be Difference Between Life and Death*

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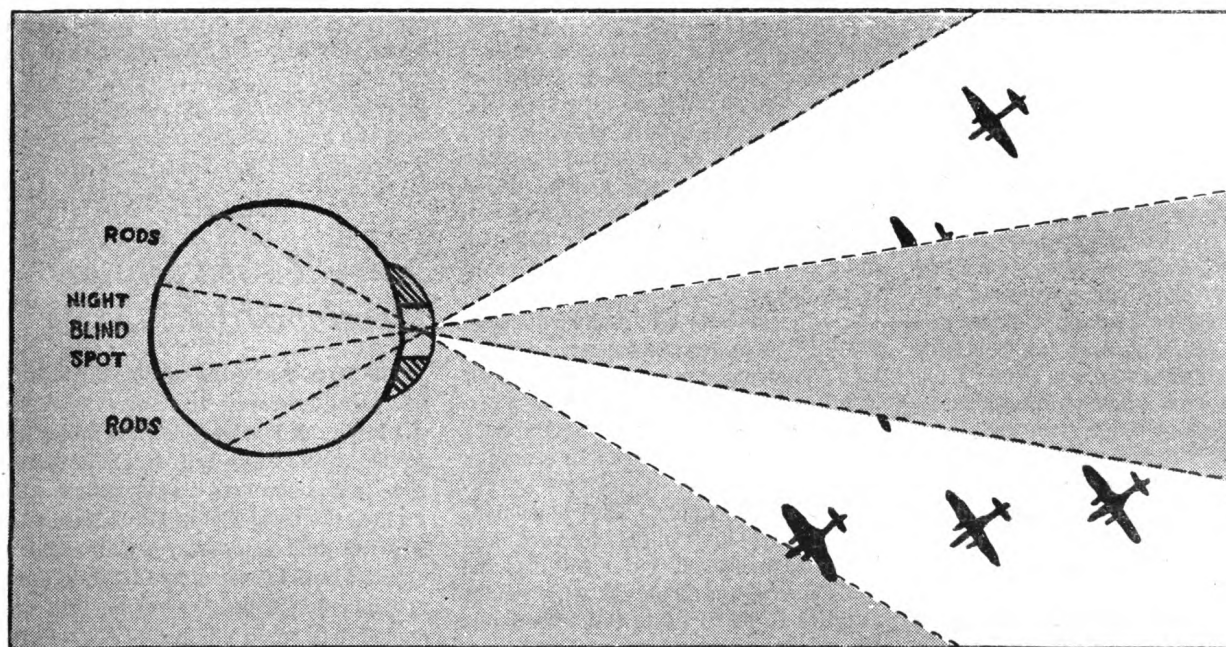
Survival in modern warfare depends on knowing all the tricks of the trade that may give the fighting man an edge over the enemy or the elements. The efficient use of the eyes at night is one of those extra skills which may mean the difference between life and death. It is particularly important in air-sea-rescue operations that no search plane ever miss the opportunity to rescue lost personnel simply because of lack of visual contact, if such contact is possible. Conversely, no one adrift and awaiting rescue should be so unfortunate as to miss seeing a rescuer that is in visual range.

back of the eye and are sensitive to light intensities varying from brightest daylight down to moonlight. For intensities below that of full moonlight, the rods must be brought into play, since only they are capable of registering impressions at these low levels of illumination. The rods are located in and around the center of the back of the eye, the greatest concentration being a few degrees from the fovea.

Everyone knows that when lights are suddenly turned off, there is a period of relative blindness lasting for a few minutes. This is followed by a longer period of getting used to the darkness.

mediately following the pl darkness.

In daytime lighting conditions the most efficient way to see an object is to look straight at it. This is because the cones, which transmit such impressions, are located at the center of the back of the eye, the fovea at the back of the eye. In daytime, the clearest view of an object is obtained when the image of the object falls exactly on this central area. At night, however, the person is not able to handle the situation. The rods must be used. Consequently, in order to make sure that the image is falling on a concentration of



There is no simple formula which will enable one to see in complete darkness; even nocturnal animals require some light to make their way around. However, there are some facts about the use of the eyes at night which will produce results that are frequently gratifying, and occasionally lifesaving. These facts should be known, as they apply to the special problems of air-sea rescue.

There are two separate mechanisms in the eye for day and night vision—the cones and the rods. Cones, which transmit daytime visual impressions, are located in and around the fovea at the

This process is generally misunderstood. The general belief is that the increased sensitivity is caused by the enlargement of the pupil. While this is in part responsible, it contributes only a small fraction of the total increased sensitivity which comes after prolonged darkness. A far more important reason is a chemical process which takes place. As a result of this chemical change, the threshold for dim light is gradually lowered (over a period of 30 minutes) to a point where one can perceive a light about one-millionth as bright as that which was just barely perceptible im-

necessary to fixate to the right or above or below the object.

Another important peculiar feature of the rods is that they are relatively insensitive to red light (wave length 700 millimicrons). Dark adaptation proceeds almost as rapidly in red light as when the subject is in total darkness.

These are the basic facts which should be considered when attempting to obtain information on the use of the eyes at night. Following, are their applications.

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adaptation.—Since the eyes need 30 minutes of dark adaptation becoming efficient at low illumination, any duties which require almost immediate use of vision could not be undertaken until 30 minutes has elapsed. Fortunately, night vision in complete darkness is not as difficult since it has been discovered that rods are relatively insensitive to light. Results which are obtained by wearing red goggles for 30 minutes remaining in a room lighted with red light, are very satisfactory. In air-sea rescue work, a period of 30 minutes usually precede any search of the sea, and in most cases this provides a time quite adequate for dark adaptation, providing the interior of the aircraft is lighted very dimly, preferably with red light. If instrument panel lights and the landing lights are kept too bright while in flight to the area, your night vision will be reduced greatly, and you will not be able to see objects on the sea which are within the visual range of your dark-adapted eyes.

Enhancement of dark adaptation.—Short periods of exposure to bright light will largely, if not entirely, nullify the results of many hours of dark adaptation. Therefore, men who are dark-adapted must not be exposed to bright light. If maps and charts have to be used, or if other objects must be viewed under light, use red light (a red flashlight can easily be used) by taking a red plastic lens or readaptation goggle and inserting it inside the glass lens of the flashlight. If white light must be used, use it as dim as possible, use it for the shortest time as possible, illuminate the smallest possible area, and do not allow light rays to enter the eye.

Scanning.—In order to make sure that you cover the surface of the sea completely, and that every object within your visual range is seen, certain basic principles of how to scan must be observed. First of all, the scanning pattern must cover the area as frequently as possible without becoming so coarse as to lose the possibility of overlooking an object. Any simple geometric pattern is sufficient so long as it makes the best use of off-center vision. The simplest method is to scan

as if reading a book, moving the eyes and head in jumps of about 12° to 20°, allowing the eyes to pause for about 2 seconds at the end of each jump. Following a complete scanning sequence after the complete covering of the assigned sector, the eyes should be closed for about 10 seconds to allow them to rest.

4. Visibility through plastic surfaces.—All plastic surfaces absorb some of the light which passes through them. Consequently, when working at very low levels of illumination, it is necessary to make the best use of the small amount of available light which does pass through. First of all, it is extremely important that surfaces be kept very clean. In a plastic which permits the transmission of 90 percent of the available light, perhaps 50 percent of this light may be lost by having a slight film of oil or dirt on the surface. Similarly, scratched windscreens should be replaced immediately, due to the fact that they cut down on the amount of light and distort the visual image which reaches the eye.

Instrument panel lights and interior lighting fixtures may be kept very dim and still interfere with visibility outside the aircraft by producing annoying reflections in the plastic panels. If an attempt is made to look through a windshield which is illuminated by reflected light, the probability of seeing anything is very remote.

5. Binoculars.—The standard Navy 7X50 night-treated binocular is an excellent aid to night observation under all conditions except those of extremely low visibility brought on by fog or rain. When binoculars are used in scanning at night, the same principles of off-center vision apply. The binoculars should be held straight forward and the eyes turned off-center towards the periphery of the field. It will require practice to learn to do this effectively, but the final results obtained will more than justify the effort.

6. Concentration.—Scanning the sea at night for long periods of time is at best a dull job. It is extremely easy to make the fatal error of daydreaming while gazing into space. Many instances are on record where enemy ships were able to get well within visual range before being sighted, even though lookouts were "looking" in that direction all the time. Every effort must be made to keep the mind as well as the eyes on the job at all times if the all-important job is to be done properly.

SPECIAL PROBLEM OF THE SURVIVOR

Scanning.—In view of the multitude and complexity of the problems facing the survivor at sea in a life raft or open boat, it is fortunate that his visual task is relatively simple. He becomes dark adapted shortly after nightfall, with no effort, and the maintenance of his dark adaptation is the least of his worries. His only night vision problem is one of setting up an efficient searching scheme so that no possible rescuer will go unnoticed, and so that he will be able to signal any plane which he may be able to spot.

This is again a matter of an efficient scanning pattern. The same techniques apply here as those outlined above, except that it is a job of scanning the entire night sky. Particular attention should be paid to scanning the relatively lighter areas of the sky, such as light clouds, areas with many bright stars, and the general vicinity of the moon, because it is in these places that the contrast between an airplane and the background will be the greatest, and here that the most efficient use of the principles of night vision can be applied.

Navy Tablet Ration Developed by NMRI

The U. S. Navy emergency ration for life rafts developed by the Naval Medical Research Institute is now being included in the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics emergency kits. This ration will replace the former Bureau of Aeronautics life raft emergency ration, which consisted of chocolate, malted milk, and "pemmican." The new ration was designed to be easily edible and physiologically compatible when the water supply is limited, to provide a variety of items, and to be compact and easily stowable in parachute back-pack kits.

As should be the case with all items of emergency equipment, the development of a suitable ration for survivors requires considerable research and experimentation. The basic factors, plus those mentioned above, determining the adoption of a ration are:

It should be concentrated, thus furnishing a large number of calories in the allotted space.

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It should not cause nausea and vomiting.

It should consist of a food which can be swallowed with a minimum of difficulty when the mouth is dry.

It should not accentuate thirst.

It should produce a maximum volume of water of oxidation when assimilated.

It should entail loss of a minimum volume of urine in the excretion of metabolic end-products.

It should be so "divided" as to lend itself to easy distribution to survivors on the raft.

It should not deteriorate or change character after long stowage periods.

It should not be affected by great temperature extremes.

It should be packed in a container that will withstand the effects of salt water immersion.

Packed in a 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ inch key-opening tin container are the following components:

Number	Item	Weight	Calories
		<i>Grams</i>	
5	Sucrose-citric acid tablets (fruit flavors)	20	80
10	Sucrose-lipid-citric acid tablets	38	195
8	Sucrose-malted milk tablets	27	110
2	Multivitamin tablets		
2	Sugar-coated gum tablets		
1	Waterproof cellophane bag		
2	Clips for closing bag		

The characteristics of the constituents of the ration are:

Sucrose-citric acid tablets are the commercial fruit-flavored Charm candy. Citric acid, which is added to all the tablets except the malted milk, tends to increase the flow of saliva in the mouth.

Sucrose-lipid-citric acid tablets closely resemble commercial butterscotch, but contain slightly over 20 percent fat rather than the 10 percent fat content of commercial butterscotch. Fat is the most concentrated source of calories and when oxidized in the body produces more water than other food constituents. In a report of tests conducted by Dr. Allen M. Butler, of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, it was indicated that the addition of fat (lipid) to sugar (sucrose) renders the ration less nauseating.

Sucrose-malted milk tablets, without the citric acid to provide variety of taste, were included in this new ration because of their reasonable acceptability with survivors. The addition of sugar tends to reduce the bitter flavor of the malted milk.

Chewing gum gives the mouth a "clean" taste and stimulates salivary flow.

Multivitamin tablets, although not essential, are provided so that in the event of an injury or perhaps a prolonged survival period they may make up for vitamin deficiency.

The sucrose-citric acid and the malted milk tablets each measure about $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{5}{16}$ inches. The sucrose-lipid-citric acid tablets are provided for in the form of two segmented bars of five tablets, each measuring about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ by $\frac{3}{4}$ by $\frac{3}{8}$ inches. All tablets are wrapped individually in cellophane and a waterproof cellophane bag is provided to give additional protection to uneaten tablets in the survivor's pocket.

At present three of these cans are supplied per man in Bureau of Aeronautics parachute seat type and multiplace rafts. A survivor consuming one-half a can a day will derive about 190 calories daily for 6 days.

New Life Preserver

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standard type Navy kapok life jacket, the Navy knapsack type kapok life preserver, the standard type Merchant Marine kapok life preserver, the under-suit type Merchant Marine kapok life preserver, the Army invasion type kapok life preserver, and the kapok life preserver developed by the Army at the New York Port of Embarkation.

During the course of its study the subcommittee noted the observation that certain deficiencies exist in the fire-resistive treatments of the cotton drill covering material now available, and suggested that there is need for investigation and development in the field of suitable fire-resistive treatment for life preserver coverings. It was noted particularly that present treatments are "tacky" and rub off easily on the clothing, and that they are sticky and prevent proper pulling of the drawstring to make a tight fit.

Still Improvised by Suro Lifeboat

How a resourceful survivor constructed a fuel still from no lifeboat and life raft gear and to provide drinking water for and 37 companions adrift 16 illustrated in the accompanying

Their ship had been attacked by a Japanese submarine. One missed its mark but two fou target. Three seamen were killed and the ship was abandoned. One was destroyed by an explosion and others became targets for the Japs when it surfaced. The Japs took the portable radio, damaged tanks in the remaining lifeboat rafts, and made prisoners of the freighter captain and three members of his crew.

The 38 remaining members of the crew climbed aboard one available lifeboat and later picked up a capsized lifeboat. Injured and wounded were treated and the remaining small water supply was rationed to 7 ounces per day. Later a second raft was sighted and taken in tow providing a lifeboat, water and food.

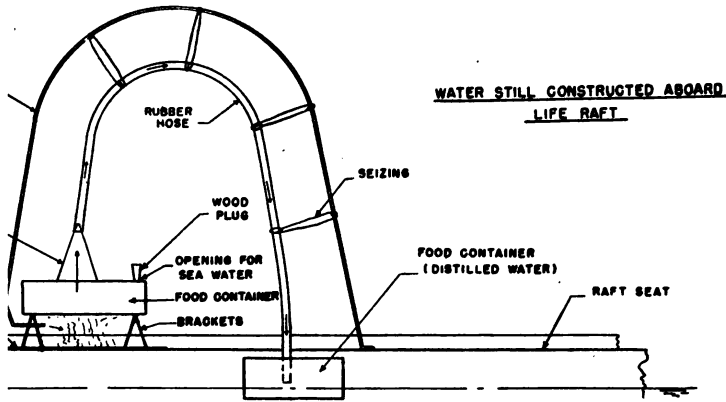
On the third day survivor Jol Drechsler, a junior assistant engineer, decided he could make drinks and proceeded to build a still from salvaged lifeboat and raft pieces. Drechsler's still involved the principles of steam distillation. He made his evaporator from a tin food container. Other parts included a cone-shaped storm oil can, a rubber hose, odd lengths of pipe, a food tank which was used as a condenser.

The effectiveness of the still was proved by its production of 60 gallons of potable water in less than 48 hours of operation. After the still was in operation, it was possible to increase the water ration to 12 ounces each per man on board.

On the morning of the sixth day after the torpedoing a friend was sighted and rescue was effected. The survivors were picked up 2 days later.

An excerpt from a letter by the Consul Stephen E. C. Kendrick, Secretary of State, reported, in part, as follows:

"The legal representative of the United States War Ship



BOMBER COMMAND DEVELOPS KIT FOR OVERWATER FLIGHTS

Many units in the field have had to develop their own emergency gear because of special missions or the inadaptability of available supplies. The improvisations of many have been well worth commendation, not only for meeting the needs of a serious situation, but for using their ingenuity in making proper use of the materials on hand.

For example, the Thirteenth Bomber Command at Kuli Field in Guadalcanal has developed an individual kit that will supplement life raft equipment or provide sustenance for survivors forced to bail out over water. The "Parachute Kit," as dubbed by its inventors, is demonstrated in the AAF Weekly Film Digest No. 46.

The contents of the kit include:

Quantity:	Item
4 cans	Emergency drinking water.
1 can	Sea dye marker.
3 units	D rations.
1	Emergency signaling mirror.
2	Carbon dioxide cylinders.
1	Very pistol, M-9.
2	Signal flares, M-11.
1	Compass.
2	First-aid kits, aeronautics.

All the items are tied together with a fishing line, and each item, with the exception of the pyrotechnic pistol, will float. The canvas container with a waterproof zipper is approximately 12 inches long, 7 inches wide, and 5½ inches high. Water resistant tape seals the zipper as an added precaution.

The kit is carried near crew stations aboard the aircraft so that when an overwater emergency arises, the kit will be easily accessible. The airman straps the kit to the right side of his parachute harness for which hooks and eyelets are provided. The kit fits behind the elbow and does not interfere with arm movements when the ripcord is pulled.

The gear is specially designed for bomber groups who decide to bail out rather than ditch their aircraft. It is estimated that the contents of the kit will provide sustenance and rescue aids for a period of 10 days. The compactness of the kit makes it useful for fighter pilots as well as bomber crews.

has transmitted to his committee the view that he is deserving of special mention. The consul heartily expresses his opinion and recommends that a medal be given to award Drechsler the special medal designed to give due recognition to the meritorious acts of American airmen. Not only did Mr. Drechsler save the lives of his com-

panions and his own but his conduct throughout the entire trying ordeal was, in view of his shipmates, deserving of the highest praise."

Drechsler has been notified of the Distinguished Service Medal award. The crew agreed that, if it had not been for the drinking water from the improvised still, many of the 38 crew members would not have survived 16 days adrift under a blistering sun.

AIRBORNE LIFEBOAT

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When the crew drifts to the boat, they pull up the CO₂ container, and by pulling on the cable on the CO₂ cylinder, they inflate the main air container. The outboard motor installed on the boat is hauled outboard. Enough fuel is provided for the boat to sail about 50 miles. The boat is very maneuverable and will sail into the wind. It is about 15 feet wide, has 2 cross-seats, a hand pump, 2 vertical bulkheads, a top rail or "splash tube" supported by a CO₂ bottle. The boat carries repair instructions, hand saws, and oars, hammock-beds, cooking equipment, and sea anchor kits are dropped overboard, and the contents have to meet the special need of the crew. The newly proposed kit

Quantity:	Item
1	Sponge.
4	Drinking cups, graduated.
2	Fishing kits.
1	Knife, scout type.
2 cans	Tomato juice, 12-ounce.
2 cans	Chicken broth, 12-ounce.
1	Plastic whistle.
3 cans	Sunburn ointment, 3-ounce.
50 feet	Cotton line, 75-pound.
1	Assortment safety pins; adhesive tape.
12	Life raft tablet rations.
1	Waterproof flashlight, 2-cell.
1	Spare bulb.
1 set	Extra batteries.
1	First-aid kit.
2	Pyrotechnic projector kits.
12 cans	Sea marker dye.
1	Woolen blanket.
1	Poncho.
1	5-quart plastic water bag.
210 feet	Floating rope.

The complete gear weighs approximately 700 pounds; separately approximate weights are: boat 350 pounds; motor 200 pounds; fuel 50 pounds; shipwreck kits, 60 pounds each.

There are 500 of these airborne rescue boats on order. Delivery was scheduled to begin 1 September 1944.

The Navy is working also on the development of a rigid airborne lifeboat.

- Item*
- Compass.
 - Emergency signaling mirrors.
 - Drinking water.
 - Permutit kits.

LAND AND SEA SURVIVAL PHASE

One Part of Navy's Survival Training Program for Aviators

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—Articles dealing with the various phases of the survival training program planned for Navy aviators will be published in *Air Sea Rescue Bulletin*.

The land and sea survival phase is discussed below. "Water survival" will appear in the next issue.]

The Navy has defined survival training as: "Preparation of individuals or aircrew units for emergency situations occurring in operations which will afford them a better chance of safely returning to flight again. It covers the knowledge and skills needed from the time an emergency arises until rescue is achieved, or the survivors reach their home base." To meet this objective instruction was first incorporated in the training program for Naval aviators.

The training syllabus is designed progressively; the elementary and basic instruction being given during the preflight stage, and more detailed and specialized information taught through primary, intermediate, and operation phases of training. The Navy has anticipated a training program that will cover instruction for the period of time an airman prepares to leave his plane, on the water or land, until he is picked up by rescue units and returned to base. The fundamentals of survival which fliers are taught include the operation of emergency rescue equipment, procedures of ditching aircraft and bailing out, techniques of water survival, adapted skills of hand-to-hand combat and gymnastics, methods of communicating with rescue units, precautionary measures and medical treatment for typical ailments, and principles of land and sea survival. At present, the complete plan is not in full operation, but as soon as this program is established, the centralized administration of a program of instruction for enlisted personnel of aircrews will be developed.

PREFLIGHT TRAINING

One phase of the Navy survival training program was started over a year ago at Chapel Hill Preflight School—The Land and Sea Survival instruction. Provided that rescue facilities were ideal, instruction for living at sea and off the land would be unnecessary. However, survivors of an aircraft disaster must know what to do until rescue

arrives, when rescue is delayed, or if rescue fails. This course has been designed to teach pilots the basic principles of living off the land and sea which may be applied to any part of the world. Emphasis is placed upon individual survival and consists of information and instruction of techniques and skills which enable men to survive with a minimum of emergency gear until rescued.

The fundamentals taught at Preflight Schools include:

- a. Travel in all types of terrain.
- b. Orientation to their situation.
- c. Collection and identification of plant and animal food.
- d. Location of water and water substitutes.
- e. Construction of shelters.
- f. Preparation of food, including firemaking and cooking.
- g. Knowledge of the biological and physical hazards in the area in which the training is given, and the relationship of these hazards with similar ones in other parts of the world.

Instruction is divided into classroom lectures to acquaint the cadets with the principles outlined above, and field trips planned to put into actual practice the techniques and information learned in lectures. The classroom work consists of 12 lectures supplemented by colored lantern slides. The basic text for the course is the Naval Aviation physical training manual, *How to Survive on Land and Sea*. Survival movies, such as *Castaway*, *Land and Live in the Jungle*, *Land and Live in the Desert*, and *Land and Live in the Arctic*, are screened in the evenings. A demonstration room with the latest emergency equipment for individual fliers is set up at each preflight school for interested students. Also included in this display may be an exhibition of improvised equipment pertaining to special areas, such as articles made from the tropical coconut and bamboo, or an exhibit of

fishhooks, fishing line, and numerous items. A permanent demonstration camp is constructed near the enable instructors to teach to quickly. This area usually types of bough beds, snares, fires, and ovens.

The cadets are taken on the half day field trips on which taught special techniques such as rappelling, construction of rafts, search for plant and animal food, and similar problems. After receiving the foundation of survival techniques, the class goes on a 3-day trip which is especially planned to simulate emergency situations as possible. A battalion of cadets consisting of 200 to 300 men, is under the supervision of four or five subalterns, plus as many platoon officers as can be spared in maintaining discipline. The men are in excellent physical condition and are kept up under the rigid and rugged conditions through the wilderness. They carry a 40- to 45-pound pack made up of the essential items for living in the wilderness, such as sleeping bag, canteen, mess gear, headnet, signaller, and machete. A supply of animal food is taken, but the men are largely dependent upon the available animal food for their subsistence.

SELECTING DEMONSTRATION AREA

The survival program emphasizes the value of actual activity and the selection of a demonstration that would incorporate as many fundamentals of land survival as possible. It must be situated in a large area with many natural features for food and shelter, have a reliable water supply, fishing and hunting, and include a variety of terrain and orientation methods of orientation. The field work at Chapel Hill resembles jungle training as far as possible in the temperate region. The area selected is very densely wooded, similar to a tropical forest in terms of travel, orientation, and so fliers must make a continuous trip through forests, along ridges and valleys, and across large river

TRAINING AT ST. MARY'S COLLEGE

The field area at the preflight school at St. Mary's College, California, consists largely of vast, untouched mountainous country, with a large lake, mountain streams, and heavily wooded redwood canyons. The men make a 35- to 40-mile trip. To illustrate the application of the principles taught, a synopsis of the trip is related. The first lap of the journey is through redwood canyon country where men make camp for overnight. The following morning the battalion is divided into groups and instruction is rotated. One group goes to the lake for instruction on fishing, signaling with mirror, and crossing the lake in rubber rafts. The other group of four platoons hikes through the canyon, learning from the instructors the edible plants of the region with emphasis placed on the similarity of these plants to ones found in other parts of the world. They proceed on farther down the stream. Here they fish, using the various methods discussed, and employing improvised hooks and lines.

During the afternoon the entire party crosses the lake and hikes to a second camp area. In the evening they set snares for game, do some night fishing, set night lines, and swim for recreation. The following morning they again break up into three groups. Group I receives instruction and experience in lake and stream fishing and swimming; group II has a snaring demonstration, and the third group has map and compass work. Throughout the morning and part of the afternoon this instruction is rotated. Then they break camp and hike to the third campsite. The fourth morning, after lifting snares, eating, and breaking camp, the group hikes to the top of the ridge for rope work. At four that evening the entire battalion returns to the base. Unlike training at other preflight schools, the program at St. Mary's does not include night hikes because of the dense growth of poison oak throughout this mountainous country. At each campsite every cadet makes his own bed, shelter, and fire, and prepares his own meal.

STATE PARK CAMPSITE AT IOWA

The area in the immediate vicinity of the preflight school at Iowa consists of open corn fields unsuitable for land survival instruction. The battalion hikes 16 miles along the Iowa River to a State Park, which provides ideal surroundings. Large wooded areas furnish natural foods and materials for shelters and fires, the lake and streams serve for training in river crossing, swimming, and fishing, and the mud flats at one end of the lake give the cadets experience in crossing simulated swamp and bog areas. At this station the men make a permanent camp and take daily field trips and night hikes through the park area.

The terrain at Georgia Preflight School, with its woods, rivers, and swamps, is similar to that at Chapel Hill, except that it is a little more open. It is interesting to note that, although the schools are located in the temperate regions of the world, the over-all survival program is little affected by the change of seasons. During the winter emphasis is placed upon warmth, shelter, and securing game. During the spring and summer the training tends to be more or less jungle in characteristics. The availability and identification of plants is the part of the training most affected by seasons. The men are kept out and continue their work regardless of the weather. Several hospital corpsmen travel with the group to give first-aid treatment. However, the cadets are in very



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good physical condition, and only 5 or 6 of the 300 return to camp before the trip is completed. The first class of naval aviation cadets began their survival training course over a year ago at the U. S. Navy Preflight School at Chapel Hill, N. C. From the first class of 300 students, the program of instruction has been expanded to meet the needs of thousands of men at the four schools described above.

INTERMEDIATE TRAINING

Plans for the extension of land and sea survival training have been proposed for inclusion in the intermediate stage of the aviators' course. The purpose of this advanced course is to give the pilots more specific information and specialized instruction about particular areas. The program of instruction emphasizes the most important information learned in preflight and does not duplicate the instruction previously learned. This advanced course, now partially underway at Pensacola, includes four lectures on the topographical areas of the world:

1. Survival at sea.
2. Survival along the seashore.
3. Survival in the arctic.
4. Survival in the tropics, with special emphasis on plant life.

The group is then taken on a 2-hour tour through a survival exhibit designed to illustrate visually survival procedures, emergency equipment, and technical information. The following exhibit rooms for this purpose have been constructed at the Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Fla.

A *lobby* contains survival literature and training pictures. Wall maps show battle theaters, native peoples, and vegetative regions, such as deserts, jungles, etc., of the world. Lecture in this room includes a discussion of the best procedure for dealing with natives in the various parts of the world, and the relationship of survival techniques in similar topographical areas around the globe.

The *Flight Room* is constructed around the actual hull of a PBV. One half of the aircraft with the "skin" removed is inside the flight room where students can actually view the internal structure of the craft, the stowage of emergency equipment, escape hatches, and ditching positions. The other half of the hull, with the "skin," extends outside the building. The PBV is completely manned and equipped. Oxygen equipment and an anoxia display are also part of this exhibit.

The *Chute Room* is especially designed with an aerial view of the ground marked to indicate the proper and improper place to land when bailing out. Mannequins are used to exhibit parachutes with the regular Navy chute harness, and back, seat, and chest packs. The room contains diagrams of free fall and chute fall.

The *Float Room* is to demonstrate survival at sea. A one-man raft and four-man raft with mannequins and complete raft equipment are to be adrift in the tank. On the wall are displays of emergency equipment, food and water available at sea, improvised fishing gear, simple navigation instruments, and illustrations of ocean birds. Plans have been designed for one large saltwater aquarium which will contain poisonous and dangerous fish, and another for common edible fish. Instruction here covers birds and lagoon glare as indicators of land, and means of obtaining food and water at sea and along the seashore.

The *Arctic Room*, depicting a scene above the timber line and in timber, is designed to illustrate the principles of



subzero weather. Emphasis is placed upon im-
of equipment, such as snow cave, bough lean-to
ke-shift foot gear, and bird and rabbit snares.
includes personal health, arctic food plants, fire
preparation of emergency food.

vic Room are found shelters, snares, cooking uten-
gear, and other emergency equipment made
l materials. This room also includes a green-
tropical food plants, such as coconut, pandanus,
gweed, papaya, plantain, yams, and other emer-
lants to train the students to identify plants in
habitat. In addition, a survival scene with a
, parachute hammock, fire, etc., has been con-
tidal pool contains common crustacean and shell
ong the seashore.

outside the building is the *Field Exhibit*. This
semipermanent camp that might be constructed
s. In addition to the shelters, displays include
utrines, drip food coolers, fox holes, smoke house,
and snares. The area, which is the conclusion
e tour through the Survival Training Exhibit,
o illustrate the foregoing lectures and demon-
ndamentals of survival at sea, in the arctic and
pecial work area will be set up so that the cadets
the equipment and fashion such items as fish
ng sticks, bark shoes, and fish nets.

hase of the land and sea survival program in
aviation training is a 1½-day field trip espe-
d to give the cadets and pilots experience in
a and along the seashore. Men travel in groups
nd carry a minimum of equipment in order to
ial conditions and develop the skills necessary
n their own initiative in an emergency. A de-
e of the field trip conducted at Pensacola illus-
mpleteness of training planned for aviators.

wet basin in barge with the following equipment:
West," one-man rubber raft, one canteen of water,
e, fishing kit, one box emergency aircraft rations,
es in waterproof container, dark glasses, hat,
mosquito dope and headnet, flashlight, knife,
ng mirror. Go fully clothed.

1 mile off Santa Rosa Island opposite Biological
l. Inflate "Mae West," jump overboard and
pararaft; paddle to given landmark on shore.
campsite. Dry out equipment. Instructions
actice in: Securing bait; fishing from shore and
crabbing; setting lines for sharks; fish traps;
snares; preparing fish and crabs; cooking and
g; meal of prepared food and rations; flounder-
crabbing at night (using makeshift spears and
). Sleeping on sand or rubber raft—preparation
Use of mosquito dope and headnet.

ay (reveille). Digging for fresh water. Fish-
breakfast. Seashore food and water plants—
tion and use. Observation of stingrays and
Preparation of a trench shelter.

down bay side of island to given location. Fish
e. Signal other rafts with mirrors. Rig up
raft.

meal of wild plant and animal foods obtained
morning. Observation of animal tracks and

up by barge and return to base.

Additional Types of Equipment

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Catalog number	Object	Source
44.235.1.1-4.....	Raft book, chart, and tape for emergency navigation by Harold Gatty.	O Q M G, Washington, D. C.
44.236.1-2.....	Rationers, plastic for water, 10-ounce (2).	BuAer, Washington, D. C.
44.237.1.....	Shark chaser, life jacket (in experimental package) Spec. No. R51S48 (INT) BuShips.	Do.
44.239.2.1-2.....	Suit, exposure, and bag (yellow), British.	Squadron Leader E. A. Pask, R. A. F. Delegation, Washington, D. C.
44.239.3.....	Pillow, inflatable, with duck-bill automatic closing flap-per valve.	Do.
44.239.4.1-3.....	Suit, exposure (experimental) and gloves.	Do.
44.240.1.1-8.....	A. E. F. Waterlight (automatic electric floating light).	A. E. F. Waterlight Corporation, 453 West 47th Street, New York City.
44.241.1-2.....	Morner life jacket.....	Watertight Slide Fastener Corporation, New York City via Count Morner.
44.244.1.1-37.....	Fishing kit, one man NAV-AER-M-627.	BuAer, Washington, D. C.
44.245.1-3.....	Light, electric, for life preserver (3).	SO. Norfolk Navy Yard, Portsmouth, Va.
44.246.1-2.1-54.....	Shipwreck kit, Aircraft, NAV-AER M-594A.	Naval Aviation, Supply Depot, Philadelphia, Pa.
44.247.1.....	Flashlight USN type A 2066.	BuAer, Washington, D. C.
44.248.1.....	Stretcher, hospital, semi-rigid.	U. S. Naval Medical Supply Depot, Brooklyn, N. Y.
44.249.1.....	Hammock, jungle.....	Manufacturer.
44.251.1-13.....	Transmitter set SCR-578-B "Gibson Girl."	Coast Guard Radio Repair Shop, Berkley, Norfolk, Va.
44.252.1.1.....	Preserver, life, pneumatic, oral-inflated, German.	Technical Staff, Office of Chief of Transportation.
44.252.2.1.....	Vest, life, oral-inflated, German.	Do.
44.254.1.....	Litter, metal poles.....	Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Washington, D. C.
44.255.1.....	Very's pistol Mk. 3.....	N. A. D., Saint Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, Va.
44.255.2.....	Pyrotechnic pistol AN-M8....	Do.
44.259.1.1-2.....	Mirror, reflex button and case, M-580-A.	Signal Service Corporation Irvington, N. J.
44.263.1-2.1-17.....	Raft, pneumatic, one-man parachute type AN-R-2B (2).	USN, Pawtucket, R. I.
44.264.1.....	Pistol, Very's, Mk.2.....	NAD (25), Fort Mifflin, Philadelphia, Pa.

The field of survival training is comparatively new. There has been a lack of trained instructors and training literature. From July to September the Navy conducted two 4-weeks survival courses especially designed for instructors. The purpose of the instructors' school was to broaden the background of officers who had been teaching some phase of survival and to train additional officers to meet the needs of the expanding program. The scope of the course included the complete training program given pilots plus additional reading assignments and field work.

BOOK REVIEWS

SURVIVAL, by Army Air Forces

The Army Air Forces Survival Manual, prepared by the Arctic, Desert, and Tropic Information Center, is a concise pocket edition of survival information applicable to the various climatic and topographical zones. This small manual is stowed in life raft equipment and all emergency vests and back pads so that it will be available at the scene of the disaster. The emergency aids and instructions aim to help the survivor avoid hardships and maintain health, to find the two essentials—food and water, and ultimately to come back alive.

The first section of the booklet deals with the emergencies to be met on land. General topics such as the immediate action to be taken after crash landing or ditching, first aid, shelter, clothing and others are discussed by telling the pilot how to meet these problems in the order in which they will most likely appear. It instructs him by first giving the general methods and principles of doing them, followed by special instructions for particular areas—jungle, desert, arctic.

In the same concise and comprehensive manner, the second section discusses the considerably different problems to be met at sea.

SURVIVAL, Air Forces Manual No. 21W, may be obtained upon request to Training Aids Division, Office of the Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Training, Headquarters Army Air Forces, 1 Park Avenue, New York City 16; or Publications Section, Matériel Command, Army Air Forces, Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio.

SURVIVAL ON LAND AND SEA, by Navy

The Bureau of Aeronautics has included special information for aviation personnel in the revised edition of the O. N. I. Survival Manual prepared by the Ethnogeographic Board and the Staff of the Smithsonian Institution. The pamphlet points out that the five prerequisites of survival are drill, equipment, knowledge or survival techniques, geographic features, and natives, common sense or adaptability to the sit-

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ABSTRACTS

Design of an Individual First Aid Kit for Aviation Personnel.

Report on project gives development of a compact two-unit plastic container to afford moisture resistance, and shock and abrasion protection for essential equipment for personal use by paratrooper individuals. Each item (tablet etc.) retains its moisture resistant protection after seal is broken. Contents: to essential items for use by individual aircrew persons. Approximate dimensions of container are 4 by 3 by 1.5 inches and approximate weight filled but excluding case and triangular bandage is 4.7 ounces. Appendices include directions for use with drawings.

Source: Design of an Individual First Aid Kit for Aviation Personnel. Naval Research Institute, Bethesda, Md. 31 May 1944. (Research Project X-371)

Causes and Control of Deterioration of Matériel in the Wet Tropics. (RESTRICTED)

Report covers the effects of moisture, fungi, insects, mites, and marine borers on classes of matériel, with particular reference to Air Forces equipment. The first discusses the problem from the layman's point of view, with as few technical details as possible. Topics covered are: Causes of deterioration, materials subject to different types of damage, and control. The second section is an appendix carrying detailed technical information.

Source: Causes and Control of Deterioration of Matériel in the Wet Tropics. Desert and Tropic Information Center, The AAF Tactical Center. 18 July 1944. Project No. T. 25.)

Flying Safety; Air-Sea-Land Rescue. (RESTRICTED.)

Manual covering procedure and facilities as developed in Third Air Force control sectors, functions, and procedure of air sea rescue control, aircraft for rescue, communications, radar, crash boats, and coordination. Charts include crash is reported, Overwater ranges and flying areas—Rescue boat installations, installations, Air sea rescue areas, HF D/F installations, Flight control center (CAA), and Search and rescue operations.

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Learned Aiming Device Adopted

The Bureau of Aeronautics has adopted a new glass mirror employing the aiming device developed by Learned. The mirror is known as the Standard Navy Signal Mirror Spec. M-508. It is made of glass with metal backing, on which are mounted eight yellow retro-directive reflex buttons for reflecting a light beam to searching craft at night.

The mirror, stowed in a metal case, is 5 by 4 by $\frac{3}{16}$ inches. Another mirror, the M-508a, is being developed by the Bureau of Aeronautics and made by the same manufacturer, the Signal Service Corporation of Irvington, N. J. This signaling mirror is fitted with lugs into which colored filters may be clipped. The total assembly includes mirror, lugs attached, and three filters—orange-red (international orange), red, and green.

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Collective control measures are taken by a survey squad which thoroughly investigates the area where an Air Force camp will be constructed—the case histories at hospitals, number of natives affected, climatic factors, breeding places, native habitations, etc. Once constructed the interiors of all buildings, tents, and barracks are sprayed regularly with the aerosol bomb or hand sprayer and every possible crack or opening is finely screened. However, much of the control of malaria depends upon the individual precautionary measures. To emphasize the importance of wearing protective clothing at dusk and night, carefully inspecting the tent and bed netting before retiring, and taking atabrine regularly, the film shows the routine of two men stationed somewhere in a malaria-infested area. Because of negligence to take his atabrine one of the men was overcome by malaria on a reconnaissance flight and unable to cope with a squadron of attacking Zeros. Although he successfully bailed out a short distance from his home base, he never made it back to camp.

Arctic, Desert, Tropic Branch At Orlando

The offices and personnel of the Arctic, Desert, Tropic Information Center of the Army Air Forces, formerly located in New York City, have moved to the AAF Tactical Center, Orlando, Fla. The unit is now known as the Arctic, Desert, and Tropic Branch of the Tactical Center. As outlined in AAF Regulation No. 20-14, 30 September 1944, the mission of the Branch will be to collect, evaluate, and disseminate information pertaining to AAF activities in arctic, desert, and tropic regions. Under the consolidation, the AAF Tactical Center is charged with the following functions:

1. The AAF Board is charged with the responsibility of testing new matériel, organizations, and equipment used or proposed for use by the Army Air Forces for operational and tactical suitability under simulated combat conditions.

2. The AAF School of Applied Tactics will test new and different tactics and techniques of aerial warfare under simulated combat conditions; and instruct Army and Navy personnel, as assigned, in AAF tactics, techniques, doctrine, and organization.

3. As indicated above, the Arctic, Desert, and Tropic Branch will continue its work in disseminating information concerning the climatic zones in which AAF personnel are operating.

The Assistant Chief of Air Staff, Operations, Commitments, and Requirements, will exercise for the commanding general, AAF headquarters responsibility for coordinating and supervising the activities (including training activities) of the Tactical Center.

BOMB BAY DOOR SUPPORTS

Acting on reports of difficulty in landing the B-24 on the sea, Col. Carl F. Greene, AAF, Matériel Command Liaison officer with NACA, and Capt. William P. Carl, Jr., of the same office, have been working on a support system for Liberator bomb bay doors to be fitted when necessity to ditch becomes apparent.

FROSTBITE SEASON

Revival of winter operations emphasizes the importance of a report, from one overseas theater, that frostbite casualties in one week totaled 244.

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The August issue (No. 3) of the AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN, published monthly by the Air Sea Rescue Agency, Washington, D. C., is devoted entirely to the publication in catalogue form of U. S. Navy (Bureau of Aeronautics) air sea rescue equipment.

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Subsequent sections of the GUIDE will be issued as rapidly as the information can be compiled. In each section the information set forth will be as of the date indicated therein and will be based on the most accurate material available, at the time, from the respective services.

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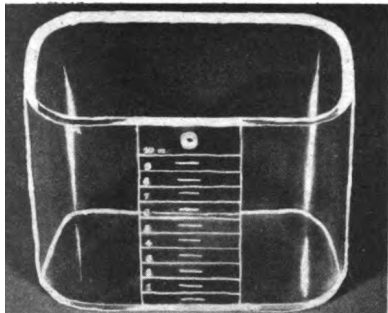
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level. This cup will fit snugly on
om of the rectangular water can.
uation is for use in measuring water

WATER

R51-W-135

ed can, containing 13½ to 14 fluid oz.
for each man, is stowed in the Emer-
uipment Container. Two cans are pro-
th each Back Pad Kit. Seventeen cans,
ach, are provided with each Shipwreck
. Spec. AN-W-5b.

WATER KIT

R83-K-511000



containing chemicals for converting
r into drinking water for each man is

stowed in Emergency Equipment Container. The
unit is packed in a tin can. Instructions for
use are stenciled on the can and its contents.
The kit contains chemicals sufficient for mak-
ing six pints of water. Spec. M-613.

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CONTAINER

(See: Container, Emergency Equipment)

FIRST AID KIT

One First Aid Kit for each raft is stowed in
Emergency Equipment Container. It contains the
following:

- 2 pkgs. bandage compresses
- 1 pkg. burn compound (tannic acid
jelly for burns)
- 1 pkg. sterile crystalline sulfanila-
mide
- 1 pkg., 4 each: morphine syrettes,
iodine applicators, ammonic in-
halents
- 1 pkg. sulfadiazine, 24 1-gr.tab-
lets

Spec. 57-K-1(INT)

FISH SPEAR

One 8" spear, which is stowed in the handle of
an oar, is provided with each raft. One end
of the spear is barbed and the other end is
constructed so that it may be attached to a
metal oar. Spec. S-146.

FISHING KIT

R37-K300

One fishing kit, shaped and worn like an apron
to prevent loss while in use, is provided with
each Life Raft. The fishing kit has eight
pockets containing the following:

- 100' of 15-lb. nylon line on winder
with #6 O'Shaughnessy hook swiv-
el and shot
- 100' of #12 white cotton shore line
on winder with stubbed mackerel
squid jig mounted on hook with
swivel attached
- 100' of #24 white shore line on wind-
er with feather jig mounted on
hook with barrel swivel attached
- 12 dehydrated pork rind strips, 4" x
½", with hook holes at each end
which may be ordered separately.
Stock No. R37-B-200

Abrasive stone cemented to wooden hand-
le for sharpening hooks

Commercial fishing knife with 3' lan-
yard

Dip net with wooden handle

8' fish spear with 25' cord attached

Complete set of instructions on each
item of equipment

Kit is to be stowed in supply pocket. Spec.
AN-K-2.

FLASHLIGHT, WATERPROOF

17-F-13550

Shipwreck Kits contain one waterproof flashlight equipped with a spare bulb. Two batteries individually wrapped are also supplied. Spec. 17F7.

GLOVES

C.F.E.

Cotton work gloves of one size only are furnished with each Back Pad Kit. Spec. 73-C-3a.

HAMMOCK BED

MARK 2	33" x 45"	R83-H-5000
MARK 4	40" x 48"	R83-H-5001
MARK 7	48" x 39"	R83-H-5002

One hammock bed is provided with each Mark 2 and Mark 4 Raft. Two are provided with each Mark 7 Raft. These hammocks are to be stretched across the raft and supported by the patches on the raft. Spec. M-3R Figure IV.

HAT-HEADNET

A combination sun hat and mosquito headnet is under procurement for replacement of mosquito headnets. Future life rafts will be equipped with the hat-headnet, one per man, instead of the mosquito headnet presently included. Spec. M-565a.

HEADNET, MOSQUITO

R83-H-200000

One Headnet per man is stowed in the Emergency Equipment Container of each Life Raft. The Hat-Headnet will replace this item at a later date. Spec. M-565.

INFLATION CYLINDERS

	<u>Mfg'r's. Number</u>	
PARACHUTE TYPE	79667	R51-C-10735
MARK 2	24976	R51-C-8165
MARK 4	24977	R51-C-8175
MARK 7	24978	R51-C-8185

A CO2 Inflation Cylinder is installed outside centerline of each raft abaft the inflation manifold.

INFLATION TUBE, ORAL

R83-T-704150

An Oral Inflation Tube is used in place of the concertina type pump on the One-Man Raft. The tube is of rubberized or synthetic substitute fabric 16" long, $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter with a $\frac{1}{8}$ " wall. It is provided with a connection to fit the topping-off valve and secured by a chain.

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

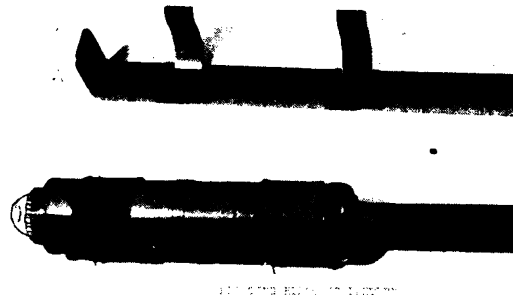
C.F.E.

One survival (land and sea) manual, printed on waterproof paper, is stowed in the Emergency Equipment Container of each raft. The manual in the Shipwreck Kit is supplemented with a list giving the contents of the kit.

KNIFE

R41-K-

One jackknife equipped with a 3' lanyard provided with each Life Raft and stowed in supply pocket. This knife is also included in the equipment of the Shipwreck Kit and Back Pad Kit. Spec. M-575.

LANTERN, FLOATINGStandard 17-L-7
Type-R 17-L-7

These floating electric automatic lanterns designed to supply, when floating, a continuous source of light for not less than 22 hours. Lanterns are furnished without batteries with a 2.5 volt bulb. They are used as a means of locating survivors adrift. Spec. No. 17-L-11b.

Standard and type R lights are different that the R type has a dehydration unit that prevents internal condensation within the lantern. *To be ordered from nearest Navy Yard

LANYARD

Flashlight, compass, knife and knife are provided with a 3' cotton lanyard suitable for various purposes.

LIGHT, ATTACHABLE

17-L-1179

A small electric one-cell lamp, suitable as a signal light when attached to life jacket contained in earlier Back Pad Kit models. The lamp does not come complete with battery. The discretion of commissioning activity be stowed also in the One Man Parachute Type Raft and in the Emergency Equipment Container of the Mark 2, 4, and 7 Rafts. Spec. 17-L-16 (small).

LEAK PLUGSPARACHUTE TYPE R83-P-40
MARK 2, 4, 7 R83-P-40

Four sets of nested, shellacked wooden leak plugs are stowed in the repair pocket of Mark 2, 4, and 7 Raft. The One Man Parachute Type Raft contains two sets of plugs.

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STS (MAE WEST)

R37-J-150-75

ic, jacket type, life vest made of rubber fabric and inflated mechanically by two rs of CO₂ gas or orally by an inflation Two life vests Dye Markers are to be used ch vest. Drawing AN 6519, Spec. No. AN-

Pad Kit to be used as a rust preventive. Spec. AXS-777. This item is to be replaced in future Back Pad Kits by a commercial product known as "Kant Rust" (see M-592 Amendment 1).

OINTMENT

(See: Sunburn Ointment)

ORAL INFLATION TUBE

(See: Inflation Tube)

ee: Retaining Line)

PADDLES, HAND

R83-P-4800

OTTON

21-R-150*

of 75-lb. test line is furnished with pwreck Kit, Back Pad Kit and Raft. It ded for general use. Spec. No. T-R-571. o be ordered from the nearest Naval ply Depot.

Two hand paddles are supplied with each One-Man Parachute Type Life Raft. Paddles are rubberized blue fabric on wire frame; shaped to fit the wrist and held on hand and forearm by webbing bands. Spec. No. AN-R-2b.

A jungle utility knife equipped with a 10 1/2" blade id for general use, is contained in each d Kit. Drawing No. BuAer 8662.

PAULIN, MARK 2 (57" x 84") R83-P-92005
LIFE RAFT MARK 4 (72" x 108") R83-P-92010
MARK 7 (81" x 132") R83-P-92020

T
ee: Life Vests)

One paulin is provided with each raft. It is colored sea-blue on one side and orange-yellow on the other. It can be used for weather protection, water collection, camouflage, sail, or signal. It is stowed in accessories pocket of raft. Spec. No. M-616a.

ING GLASS

C.F.E.

approximately 1 3/4" in diameter capable ting a fire by utilizing the rays of the contained in the Back Pad Kit. This s stowed in the pocket together with an in- on booklet and pencil.

PINS

(See: Adhesive Tape)

SEA
ee: Marker)

PLUGS

(See: Leak Plugs)

ee: Compass Match Box)

PONCHO COVER

C.F.E.

o HEADNET
ee: Headnet, Mosquito)

This item is included in Back Pad Kit. It is designed for use as a weatherproof covering for a man seated in a life raft. Color is sea-blue on one side and orange-yellow on the other. Spec. No. P-61.

ION CHARTS
ee: Charts)

PROJECTOR KIT

R83-K-710309

MARK 2 (5') R83-0-4010
MARK 4 (5') R83-0-4010
MARK 7 (6') R83-0-4020

rovided with each raft, are in three metal s, not exceeding 25" in length. They are in the accessory pockets of multi-place Spec. No. M-162.

One signal kit containing a hand projector and six Very cartridges is provided in each life raft, Shipwreck Kit, and Back Pad Kit. This kit is stowed in the Emergency Container of the raft.

PUMP, HAND

R83-P-408500

ee-oz. can of oil is provided in each Back

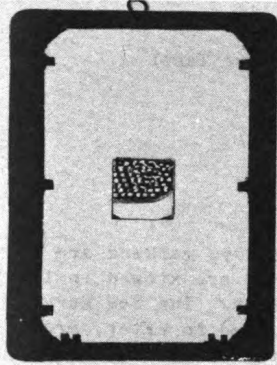
One hand pump is provided with each life raft to be used in case of failure of the CO₂ inflation mechanism and to maintain inflation. It is stowed in the accessories pocket and secured thereto by a 3' lanyard. Spec. No. AN-P-48.

C.F.E.

RADIO TRANSMITTER ("Gibson Girl") R16-T-9169

(See: page 31)

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EMERGENCY SIGNALING MIRROR

signaling mirror is supplied with each Shipwreck Kit and each raft. In the raft this mirror is stowed in the supply pocket. The mirror is waterproof, 5" x 4" x 3/16", and is designed to reflect the sunlight as far as ten miles. Complete instructions are printed on the back of the mirror. New and improved types of mirrors have been developed to replace this item, the standard glass mirror, Spec. M-580, and the standard Learned type, Spec. M-580a.

GRENADES Two smoke grenades, Type M-8, are furnished with each raft. They are stowed in the emergency equipment container. Two grenades are included in the Shipwreck Kit. The grenades are BuOrd. items and can be ordered from the nearest ammunition depot. Smaller, standard, colored smoke signals have been developed to replace the M-8 grenade.

H-C SMOKE GRENADE HOLDING CLAMP R83-C-44600

One holding clamp is provided with each raft. The clamp can be attached to the handle of an oar by means of a wing nut clamp. It is stowed in the supply pocket of the raft.

SPEAR

(See: Fish Spear)

SPONGE

(See: Bailing Sponge)

SUNBURN OINTMENT

C.F.E.

Two 4-oz. tubes of sun-protective ointment P-40469 are included in the Shipwreck Kit and one can of ointment is included in each Back Pad Kit.

WATER, EMERGENCY DRINKING

(See: Drinking Water)

WATER STOWAGE BAG

R83-B-30175

Two water stowage bags are provided for each Mark 2 Raft and four are provided for each Mark 4 and 7 Raft. These plastic bags are used to collect and store five quarts of fresh water. They are stowed in the Emergency Equipment Container. Drawing 8985.

WATERPROOF FLASHLIGHT

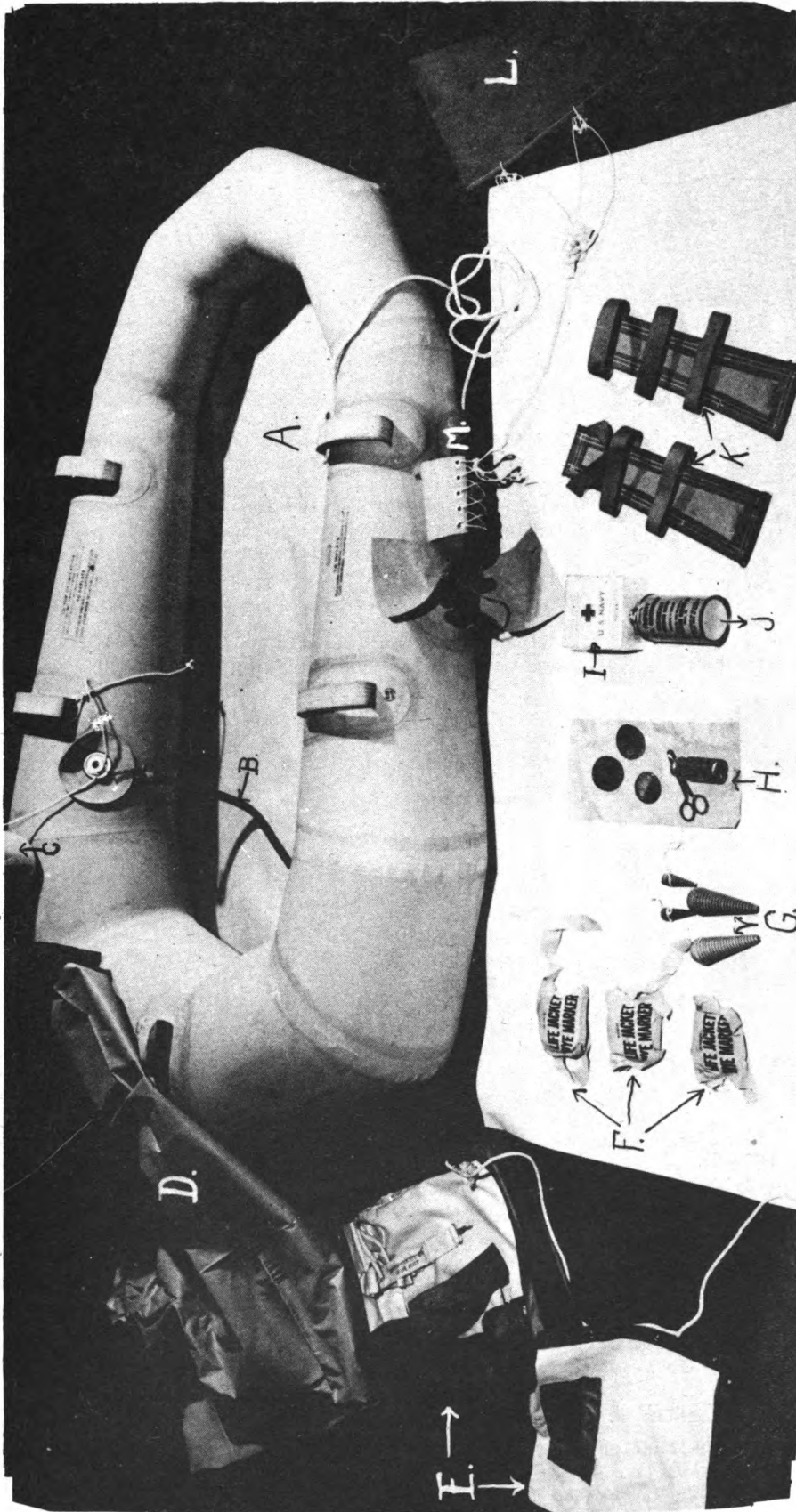
(See: Flashlight)

WHISTLE

R42-W-24000

One plastic whistle is provided with each Raft, Shipwreck Kit, and Back Pad Kit. Each whistle has a lanyard attached for securing it around the neck of the user.

ONE-MAN PARACHUTE TYPE LIFE RAFT, SPEC. AN-R-2a



- A One (1) Man Parachute Type Life Raft
- B Oral Inflation Tube
- C Collapsible Bailing Cup
- D Sail
- E Seat Pack Container
- F. Life Jacket
- G. Life Jacket
- H. Repair Kit
- I. First Aid Kit
- J. Emergency Drinking Water
- K. Hand Paddles
- L. Sea Anchor

NAVY (BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS) AIR SEA RESCUE RAFTS AND KITS

ONE-MAN PARACHUTE TYPE LIFE RAFT



Stock No.	R83-R-15650
Specification No.	AN-R-2b (See Note)
Classification No.	83
Shipping Data	Shipped complete with accessories
Drawing No.	AN 6520-1
Color	Orange-yellow
Weight	13½ lbs.
Dimensions	Inflated: 66" long, 40" wide, 12" freeboard
	Packed: 15" long, 14" wide, 4" high

The One-Man Parachute Type Life Raft may be used with either the seat type parachute or the quick attachable chest type parachute. When used with the seat type parachute it is stowed between the parachute and the user's body in place of the parachute seat cushion. When used with the quick attachable chest type parachute it is stowed in a case and is located between the QAC parachute and the user's body.

complete, or the accessories listed below, are available to all activities. When order-ify: (a) quantity desired, (b) stock number, (c) specification number, (d) classifica-ber.

	<u>Stock Number</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class. No.</u>
Automatic, Life, One-Man Parachute Raft, Complete	R83-R-15650	AN-R-2b	83
The following accessories:			
Anchor, Carrying	R83-C-8450	"	83
Anchor and Valve Assembly	R83-C-94670	"	83
Anchor, Sea	R6-A-1950	"	6
Bucket, Bailing	R83-C-81505	"	83
Kit, First Aid	R57-K-8525	M&S 57-K-1(INT)	57
Kit, Repair	R83-K-710165	AN-R-2b	83
Blocks, 2 per raft	R83-P-4800	"	83
Plugs, Leak, 4 per raft	R83-P-408500	"	83
Emergency Drinking Water, 12-oz. can	R51-W-135	AN-W-5b	51
Inflation Tube	R83-T-704150	AN-R-2b	83
Life Jacket Sea Marker	R37-P-25	M-566	83

Note: There have been no major design changes in the raft under the specifications M-524, AN-R-2, AN-R-2a, and AN-R-2b. The AN-R-2a raft contains a sail whereas the AN-R-2b raft has none.

ONE-MAN PARACHUTE TYPE LIFE RAFT

Availability

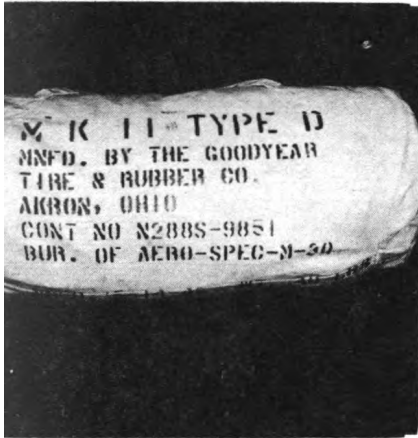
One-Man Parachute Type Life Rafts have been delivered and are available to all activities in large quantities. Shipments are being made by the contractor to the supply depots listed below for distribution.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
N. A. S. D. Philadelphia	4084
N. A. S. D. Norfolk	8000
A. S. A. - N. S. D. Oakland	11500

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LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE TYPE, MARK II (2 man)

MARK II LIFE RAFT CARRYING CASE,
SPEC. M-3Q OR M-3R



LIFE RAFT CARRYING CASE

Stock No.	R83-R-15510
Specification No.	M-3Q and M-3R (See schedule below)
Shipping data	Shipped complete with accessories
Color	Orange-yellow
Weight	M-3Q, 55 lbs.; M-3R, 55 lbs.
Dimensions	Inflated: 7½' long, 4' beam, 13" freeboard Packed: 30" long, 12" diameter

2 Seats

Life rafts are intended for use in naval aircraft as life-saving equipment at sea. The Mark number specified is the rated passenger carrying capacity for each raft. There are three types of rafts: Type A, Automatic, Type D, Droppable; Type S, Standard. The difference between these types is in the inflation device only. Unless otherwise specified, Type D rafts will be furnished. Each raft has three pockets in which is stowed emergency

The complete equipment for each raft comes in two cases fastened together by a lanyard. One contains the raft with equipment in the pockets and the other contains emergency equipment to be kept waterproof until used.

Life raft is available for immediate distribution. When ordering specify: (a) quantity, (b) type: Droppable, Standard or Automatic, (c) stock number, (d) specification number, (e) specification number. The Mark II Life Rafts are available to the activities as listed below.

	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class. No.</u>
Pneumatic, Droppable, MARK II, complete	R83-R-15510	M-3Q	83

Includes the following accessories: (a) for replenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following (b) specification numbers.)

Carrying Case	R83-R-8510	M-3Q	83
Inflator Valve Assembly	R83-C-94674	M-3Q	83
Stowage Container only (for stowing waterproof equipment)	R83-C-66755	M-3Q	83
Stowage Container, 3 - 5 ft.	R83-O-4010	M-162	83
Drain Hole Plugs, 8 per raft	R83-P-408500	M-3R, ANC-54	83
Air Kit in repair pocket	R83-K-710160		

Kit contains:

- Patching Material
- Tire Patches
- Metal Roughing Tool
- Pliers
- Scissors

Supply Pocket:

Hand Pump	R83-P-408500	AN-P-48	11
Sail, 1	R83-C-76950	M-551	83
Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	M-552	37
Match Box Compass	R37-C-2500	M-554	37
Smoke Grenade Holding Clamp	R83-C-44600	M-3Q	83
Signaling Reflector	R83-R-205000	M-3Q	83
Knife	R41-K-365	M-3Q	41
Whistle	R-42-W-24000	M-3Q	42
Line 25' - 75# test	21-R-150	M-3Q	None

LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE TYPE, MARK II (2 man) (continued)

	Stock. No.	Specification Number	Class
In Emergency Equipment Container:			
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	M&S57-K-L(INT)	5'
Rations	R56-R-6125	M-539b	5'
Emergency Drinking Water	R51-W-135	AN-W-5b	5
Dye Markers	R83-M-160500	M-528	8:
H-C Smoke Grenades, 2 per raft	R83-G-770100	M-3Q	8:
Pyrotechnic Signal Kit	R83-K-710309	M-3Q	8:
Mosquito Headnet	R83-H-200000	M-565	2
M-3R			
Item			
Raft, Life, Pneumatic, Droppable, MARK II Complete	R83-R-15510	M-3R	8:
It contains the following accessories: (For replenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following stock and specification numbers.)			
In Supply Pocket:			
Hand Pump	R83-P-408500	AN-P-48	8
Oars (containing Fish Spear) 5 ft. - 2	R83-O-4010	M-162	8:
Hammock Bed	R83-H-5000	M-3R-figure 4	8:
Life Raft Paulin	R83-P-92005	M-616	8
Bailing Sponge	R83-B-648500	L-S-626, Type II, size 4	8
Life Raft Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	AN-K-2	3'
Life Raft Match Box Compass	R37-C-2500	AN-C-101	3'
H-C Smoke Grenade Holding Clamp	R83-C-44600	M-3R-D-3a	8:
Signaling Mirror	R83-M-525525	M-580, size 2	8:
Knife	R41-K-365	M-575	4
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-3R, D-3a(10)	4:
Note: Supply Pocket may be fashioned into a bucket.			
Repair Kit in repair pocket	R83-K-710150	AN-C-54	8
Kit contains:			
Patching Material			
Tire Patches			
Rubber Cement			
Metal Roughing Tool			
Pliers			
Wire Cutters			
Screw Driver			
Emergency Equipment Container (to be packed by the activity that places raft in commission)	R83-C-66755	Drawing NAF-214715	8:
Contains:			
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	57-K-1(INT)	5'
Life Raft Tablet Rations, 3 per man	R56-R-6300	M-5396	5'
Emergency Drinking Water, 1 can per man	R51-W-135	AN-W-5G	5
Drinking Water Kit, 1 per man	R83-K-511000	M-613	8:
Water Storage Bag, 1 per man	R83-R-30175	Drawing 8985	8:
Dye Markers, 3	R37-P-25	M-566	3'
H-C Smoke Grenades, 2		(Spec. No. BuOrd, Type M-8)	
Red Very Cartridges, 6			
Projector Kit	R83-K-710309	M-3R, D-3b (8)	8:
Mosquito Headnet	R83-H-200000	M-565	8:
Instruction Booklet		M-3R, D-3b(10)	8:

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LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE, MARK II COMPLETE (continued)

	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class. No.</u>
Life Raft Carrying Case	R83-C-8510		83
Life Raft Anchor	R6-A-1960	M-3R figure 5	6
Life Raft Plugs (8 in all)	R83-P-408500	M-3R, D-3a(14)	83
Life Raft Spear	R83-S-648150	S-146	83
Life Raft 25' - 75# test	21-R-150		21
Life Raft Inflation Cylinder	R51-C-8165	M-3R, D-2b	51

Availability

Requisitioning activities will use stock number R83-R-15510 when requisitioning the Mark II Life Raft. The rafts manufactured under specification M-3C are available to the activities at present time. However, life rafts manufactured under specification M-3R are under procurement. According to the contracts with manufacturers deliveries will commence July, 1944. As the requisition is slow on the M-3R rafts, deliveries are several months behind schedule. At the time M-3C rafts are available to the activities the supply officers will deliver either the M-3C's or M-3R's under the above stock number. When both types are available, unless otherwise specified by the requisitioning activity, the M-3C rafts will be exhausted before the M-3R rafts are

M-3C

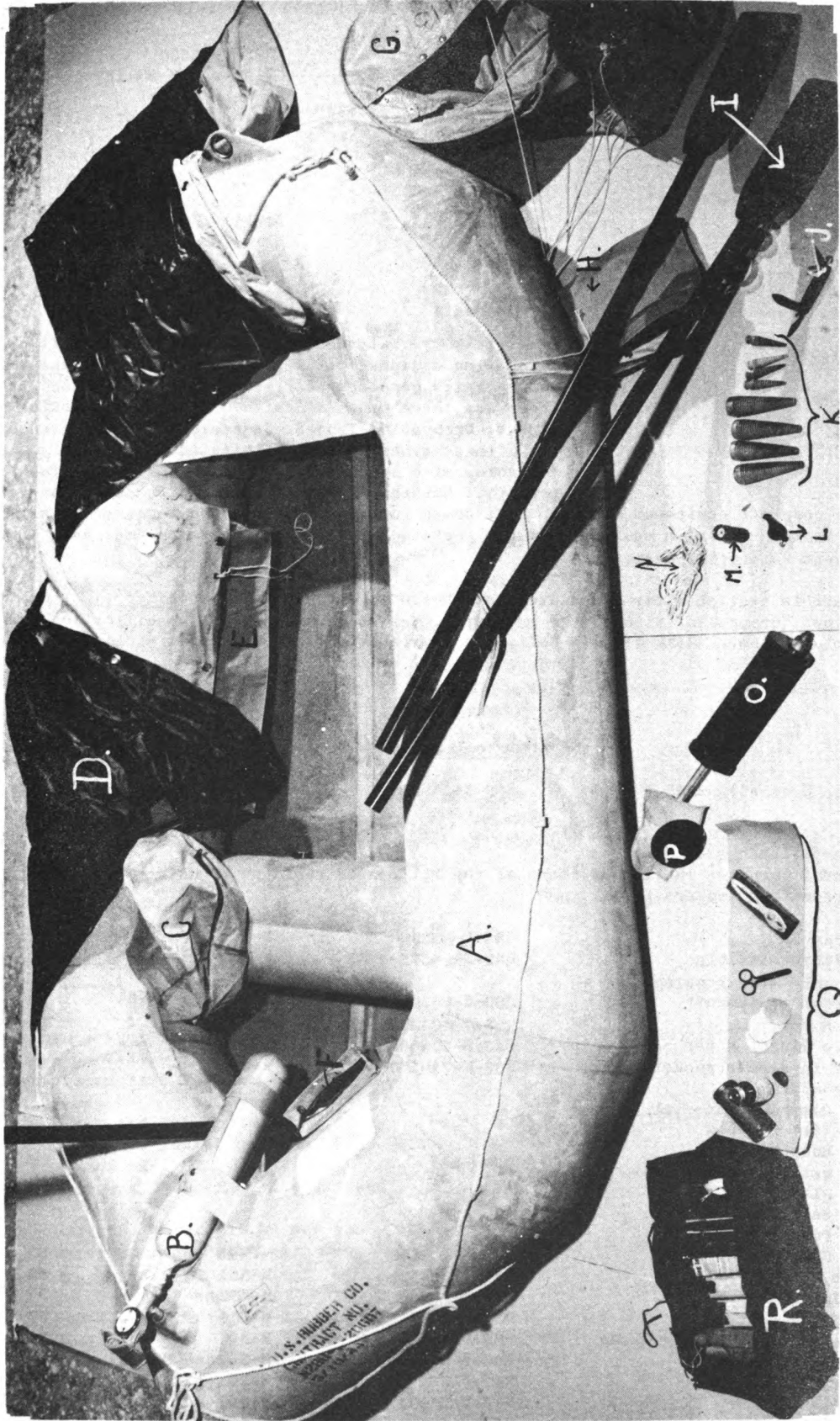
M-3C rafts have been delivered and are available to all activities in limited quantities. Shipments are being made by the contractor to the supply depots listed below for redistribution.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
N. A. S. D. Philadelphia	7634

(Manufacturers have complied with requests by the bureau to stop production of M-3C rafts and manufacture M-3R rafts for the balance of existing contract requirements.)

N. A. S. D. Norfolk	1500
A. S. A. - N. S. D. Oakland	5250

MARK IV LIFE RAFT, SPEC. M-3Q



- A Mark 4 M-3Q Life Raft
- B CO2 Inflation Cylinder
- F Accessories Pocket
- G Carrying Case
- K Leak Plugs
- L Whistle
- P Signaling Mirror
- Q Repair Kit
- R

LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE TYPE, MARK IV (4 man)

MARK IV LIFE RAFT CARRYING CASE,
SPEC. M-3Q OR M-3R



Stock No.	R83-R-15530
Specification No.	M-3Q and M-3R (see schedule below)
Shipping Data	Shipped complete with accessories
Color	Orange-yellow
Weight	M-3Q, 82 lbs., M-3R, 82 lbs.
Dimensions	Inflated: 9'2" long, 5' wide, 15½" freeboard Packed: 34" long, 14" diameter

2 Seats

Life rafts are intended for use in naval aircraft as lifesaving equipment at sea. The Mark number specified is the rated passenger carrying capacity for each raft. There are three types of rafts: Type A, Automatic; Type D, Droppable; Type S, Standard. The difference between these types is in the inflation device only. Unless otherwise specified, Type D rafts will be furnished. Each raft has three pockets in which is stowed emergency

equipment. The complete equipment for each raft comes in two cases fastened together by a lanyard. One case contains the raft with equipment in the pockets and the other contains emergency equipment. Both must be kept waterproof until used.

The complete raft is available for immediate distribution. When ordering specify: (a) quantity, (b) type: Droppable, Standard or Automatic, (c) stock number, (d) specification number, (e) classification number. Mark IV Life Rafts are available to the activities as listed below.

	Stock No.	Specification Number	Class. No.
Pneumatic, Droppable MARK IV life raft	R83-R-15530	M-3Q	83

Obtain the following accessories: (a) for replenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following classification numbers.)

Carrying Case	R83-C-8530	M-3Q	83
Cylinder Valve Assembly	R83-C-94675	M-3Q	83
Container only (for stowing waterproof equipment)	R83-C-66765	M-3Q	83
Flares, 3 - 5 ft.	R83-O-4010	M-162	83
Drain Hole Plugs, 8 per raft	R83-R-408500	M-3Q	83
Repair Kit in repair pocket	R83-K-710150	M-3Q	83
Kit contains:			
Patching Material			
Tire Patches			
Rubber Cement			
Metal Roughing Tool			
Pliers			
Scissors			
Supply Pocket:			
Hand Pump	R83-P-408500	AN-P-48	83
Sails, 2 per raft	R83-C-76950	M-551	83
Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	M-552	37
Match Box Compass	R37-C-2500	M-554	37
Smoke Grenade Holding Clamp	R83-C-44800	M-3Q	83
Signaling Reflector	R83-R-205000	M-3Q	83
Knife	R41-W-365	M-3Q	41
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-3Q	42
Line 25' - 75# test	21-R-150	M-3Q	None

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LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE TYPE MARK VII (7 man) (continued)

	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class.</u>
In Emergency Equipment Container:			
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	M&S57-K-1(INT)	5:
Rations	R56-R-6125	M-539	5:
Emergency Drinking Water	R51-W-135	AN-W-5	5:
Dye Markers	R83-M-160500	M-528	8:
H-C Smoke Grenades, 2 per raft	R83-G-770100	M-34	8:
Pyrotechnic Signal Kit	R83-K-710309	M-34	8:
Mosquito Headnet	R83-H-200000	M-565	2:
 M-3R			
Item			
Raft, Pneumatic, Droppable, MARK VII Complete	R83-R-15530	M-3R	8:
It contains the following accessories: (For replenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following stock and specification numbers.)			
In Supply Pocket: (Note: Supply pocket may be fashioned into a bucket.)			
Hand pump	R83-P-408500	AN-P-48	8:
Oars (containing fish spear) 3 - 6 ft.	R83-O-4020	M-162	8:
Hammock Beds, 2	R83-H-5000	M-3R-figure 4	8:
Life Raft Paulin	R83-P-92005	M-616	8:
Bailing Sponge	R83-B-648500	L-S-626, Type II, size 4	8:
Life Raft Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	AN-K-2	37
Life Raft Match Box Compass	R37-C-2500	AN-C-101	37
H-C Smoke Grenade Holding Clamp	R83-C-44600	M-3R-D-3a	8:
Signaling Mirror	R83-M-525525	M-580, size 2	8:
Knife	R41-K-365	M-575	41
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-3R, D-3a(10)	42
Repair Kit in repair pocket	R83-K-710150	AN-C-54	8:
Kit contains:			
Patching Material			
Tire Patches			
Rubber Cement			
Metal Roughing Tool			
Pliers			
Wire Cutters			
Screw Drivers			
Emergency Equipment Container (to be packed by the activity that placed raft in commission)	R83-C-66775	Drawing NAF-214715	8:
Contains:			
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	57-K-1(INT)	5:
Life Raft Tablet Rations, 3 per man	R56-R-6300	M-5396	5:
Emergency Drinking Water, 1 can per man	R51-W-135	AN-W-56	5:
Drinking Water Kit, 1 per man	R83-K-511000	M-613	8:
Water Storage Bag, 1 per man	R83-B-30175	Drawing 8985	8:
Dye Markers, 3	R37-P-25	M-566	3:
H-C Smoke Grenades, 2		BuOrd Type M8	
Red Very Cartridges, 6			
Projector Kit	R83-K-710309	M-3R, D3b(8)	8:
Mosquito Headnet	R83-H-200000	M-565	8:
Instruction Booklet		M-3R, D3b(10)	

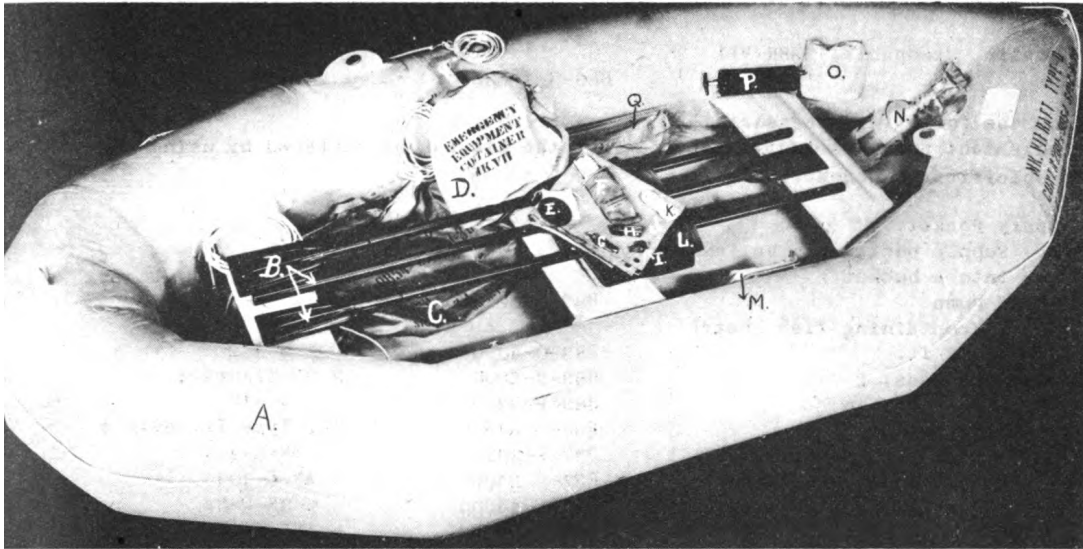
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LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE TYPE, MARK VII (7 man) (continued)

	Stock No.	Specification Number	Class. No.
Life Raft Carrying Case	R83-C-8550		83
Sea Anchor	R6-A-1960	M-3R figure 5	6
Stowage Plugs (8 in all)	R83-P-408500	M-3R, D-3a (14)	83
Flashlight	R83-S-648150	S-146	83
Line 25' - 75# test	21-R-150		21
O ₂ Inflation Cylinder	R51-C-8185	M-3R, D-2b	51

MARK VII LIFE RAFT, SPEC. M-3Q



7 (7 MAN) LIFE RAFT M-3Q	E SIGNALING MIRROR	I WHISTLE	N INFLATION CYLINDER CO ₂
RAFT CARRYING CASE	F FISHING KIT	K 25 FT OF 75# TEST LINE	O REPAIR POCKET
AGENCY EQUIPMENT CONTAINER	G JACKKNIFE	L SAIL 2 PER RAFT	P HAND PUMP
	H COMPASS MATCH BOX	M ACCESSORIES POCKET	Q SUPPLY POCKET

Availability

Requisitioning activities will use stock number R83-R-15570 when requisitioning the Mark VII Life Raft. The rafts manufactured under specification M-3Q are available to the activities at present time. However, life rafts manufactured under specification M-3R are under procurement. According to the contracts with manufacturers deliveries will commence July, 1944. As the procurement is slow on the M-3R rafts, deliveries are several months behind schedule. At the time that rafts are available to the activities the supply officers will deliver either the M-3Q's or M-3R's under the above stock number. When both types are available, unless otherwise specified by the requisitioning activity, the M-3Q rafts will be exhausted before the M-3R rafts are

M-3Q

Rafts have been delivered and are available to all activities in limited quantities. Shipments are being made by the contractor to the supply depots listed below for redistribution.

Activity	Quantity
N.A.S.D. Philadelphia	7500
N.A.S.D. Norfolk	3750

Manufacturers have complied with requests by the bureau to stop production of M-3Q rafts and manufacture M-3R rafts for the balance of existing contract requirements.)

N.A.S.D. Philadelphia	7500
N.A.S.D. Norfolk	6750
ASA - N.S.D. Oakland	6000

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BACK PAD KIT

Stock No. R83-K-520100
 Classification No. 83
 Shipping Data Shipped complete with accessories, 10 kits to carton.

Kits are intended for use in conjunction with One-Man Parachute Type Life Rafts. It is for the parachute harness and life jacket. Sufficient equipment is contained therein to support 10 men or personnel forced down at sea or in the jungle to meet the problems with emergency situations. There are three (3) types of Back Pad Kits: (1) the Original Back pad Kit, (2) the Back Pad Kit, (3) the Standard Back Pad Kit, as listed below.

and accessories are available to the activities according to availability schedules. When ordering, specify: (a) quantity desired, (b) stock number, (c) specification number, (d) classification number.

BACK PAD EQUIPMENT KIT (KIDNEY SHAPED)

Stock No. R83-K-520100
 Specification No. Note: No specifications are being prepared on this type of kit. Deliveries of this kit have been made to service activities under Contract N288s-10807, dated 6 April, 1943, for 20,000 units.

In accordance with reports received from service indicating the need for reduced thickness, the following modifications are being made available to the supply points under Contract N288s-17021 sets of modification

	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class. No.</u>
Back Pad Equipment Kit, etc	R83-K-520100		83

Include the following accessories: (Individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following specification numbers.)

Emergency Drinking Water	R51-W-135	AN-W-5b	51
Life Raft Tablet Rations	R56-R-6300	M-539b	56
Life Raft Kit	R37-K-300	AN-K-2	37
Compass and Match Container	R37-C-2500	AN-C-101	37
Life Raft and Fish Seine	R27-N-261	M-565	27
Life Raft of 75# test line	21-R-150	None	21
Life Raft Technician Kit	R83-K-710309	None	21
Life Raft Knife	R41-K-365	None	41
Life Raft Stole	R42-W-24000	None	42
Life Raft Tanning Mirror	C.F.E.	C.F.E.	C.F.E.
Life Raft Tablets	"	"	"
Life Raft adhesive Tape	"	"	"
Life Raft Safety Pins	"	"	"
Life Raft	"	"	"
Life Raft Chocolate Bar Type D Rations	"	"	"
Life Raft Aid Kit	G.F.E.	G.F.E.	G.F.E.
Life Raft Tanning Light	C.F.E.	C.F.E.	C.F.E.
Life Raft Spare Battery & Bulb	"	"	"
Life Raft Instruction Book	"	"	"

BACK PAD KIT

The modified Back Pad Kit is identical to the Original Back Pad Kit (Kidney Shaped), with the exception of thickness. The changes in the kit were authorized by Bureau of Aeronautics under Contract N288s-17021 for sets of modification material, together with instructions and diagrams necessary to reduce the thickness of these kits.

LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE MARK IV COMPLETE (continued)

	Stock No.	Specification Number	Class
In Emergency Equipment Container			
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	M&S57-K-1 (INT)	
Rations	R56-R-6125	M-539	
Emergency Drinking Water	R51-W-135	AN-W-5	
Dye Markers	R83-M-160500	M-528	
H-C Smoke Grenades, 2 per raft	R83-G-770100	M-3Q	
Pyrotechnic Signal Kit	R83-K-710309	M-3Q	
Mosquito Headnet	R83-H-200000	M-565	
M-3R			
Item			
Raft, Pneumatic, Droppable, MARK IV Complete	R83-R-15530	M-3R	
It contains the following accessories: (For replenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the follo stock and specification numbers.)			
In Supply Pocket: (Supply Pocket may be Fashioned into a bucket.)			
Hand Pump	R83-P-408500	AN-P-48	
Oars (containing fish spear) 5 ft. - 2	R83-O-4010	M-162	
Hammock Bed	R83-H-5000	M-3R-figure 4	
Life Raft Paulin	R83-P-92005	M-616	
Bailing Sponge	R83-B-648500	L-S-626, Type II, size 4	
Life Raft Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	AN-K-2	
Life Raft Match Box Compass	R37-C-2500	AN-C-101	
H-C Smoke Grenade Holding Clamp	R83-C-44600	M-3R-D-3a	
Signaling Mirror	R83-M-525525	M-580, size 2	
Knife	R41-K-365	M-575	
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-3R, D-3a (10)	
Repair Kit in repair pocket	R83-K-710150	AN-C-54	
Kit contains:			
Patching Material			
Tire Patches			
Rubber Cement			
Metal Roughing Tool			
Pliers			
Wire Cutters			
Screw Drivers			
Emergency Equipment Container (to be packed by the activity that places raft in commission)	R83-C-66765	Drawing NAF-214715	
Contains:			
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	57-K-1 (INT)	
Life Raft Tablet Rations, 3 per man	R56-R-6300	M-5396	
Emergency Drinking Water, 1 can per man	R51-W-135	AN-W-56	
Drinking Water Kit, 1 per man	R83-K-511000	M-613	
Water Storage Bag, 1 per man	R83-B-30175	Drawing 8985	
Dye Markers, 3	R37-P-25	M-566	
H-C Smoke Grenades, 2		(BuOrd Type M8)	
Red Very Cartridges, 6	R83-K-71039	M-3R, D-3b (8)	
Mosquito Headnet	R83-H-200000	M-565	
Instruction Booklet		M-3R, D-3b (10)	
Life Raft Carrying Case	R83-C-8510		
Sea Anchor	R6-A-1960	M-3R figure 5	
Leak Plugs (8 in all)	R83-P-408500	M-3R, D-3a (14)	
Fish Spear	R83-S-648150	S-146	
Line 25' - 75# test	21-R-150		
CO ₂ Inflation Cylinder	R51-C-8165	M-3R, D-2b	

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LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE MARK IV COMPLETE (continued)

EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CONTAINER FOR MARK IV LIFE RAFT, SPEC. M-3Q



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| A RATIONS | D EMERGENCY DRINK WATER | G PYROTECHNIC PROJECTOR (HAND) |
| B EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT CONTAINER | E H-C SMOKE GRENADES | H FIRST AID KIT |
| C MOSQUITO HEADNET | F DYE, SEA MARKER | |

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requisitioning activities will use stock number R83-R-15530 when requisitioning the Mark IV life raft. The rafts manufactured under specification M-3Q are available to the activities at present time. However, life rafts manufactured under specification M-3R are under procurement according to the contracts with manufacturers, deliveries will commence July, 1944. As the production is slow on the M-3R rafts, deliveries are several months behind schedule. At the time rafts are available to the activities the supply officers will deliver either the M-3Q's or M-3R's under the above stock number. When both types are available, unless otherwise directed by the requisitioning activity, the M-3Q rafts will be exhausted before the M-3R rafts are used.

M-3Q

These rafts have been delivered and are available to all activities in limited quantities. Shipments are being made by the contractor to the supply depots listed below for redistribution.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
N. A. S. D. Philadelphia	5481
N. A. S. D. Norfolk	2500
ASA - N. S. D. Oakland	2500

(Manufacturers have complied with requests by the bureau to stop production of M-3Q rafts and manufacture M-3R rafts for the balance of existing contract requirements.)

N. A. S. D. Norfolk	1500
ASA - N. S. D. Oakland	1500

Orders have been awarded to procure M-3R rafts for delivery as follows:

ASA - N. S. D. Oakland	5000
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MARK VII LIFE RAFT, SPEC. M-30



LIFE RAFT, PNEUMATIC, DROPPABLE TYPE, MARK VII (7 man)

**VII LIFE RAFT CARRYING CASE,
SPEC. M-3Q OR M-3R**



Stock No.	R83-R-15570
Specification No.	M-3Q and M-3R (See schedule below)
Classification No.	83
Shipping Data	Shipped complete with accessories
Color	Orange-yellow
Weight	M-3Q, 112 lbs; M-3R, 112 lbs.
Dimensions	Inflated: 12' long, 5½' wide, 16" freeboard Packed: 36" long, 15" diameter
3 Seats	

Life rafts are intended for use in naval aircraft as life saving equipment at sea. The Mark number specified is the rated passenger carrying capacity for each raft. There are three types of rafts: Type A, Automatic; Type D, Droppable; Type S, Standard. The difference between these types is in the inflation device only. Unless otherwise specified, Type D rafts will be furnished.

LIFE RAFT CARRYING CASE

comes in two cases fastened together by a lanyard. One case contains the raft with the pockets and the other contains emergency equipment which must be kept waterproof

the raft is available for immediate distribution. When ordering, specify: (a) quantity, (b) type: Droppable, Standard or Automatic, (c) stock number, (d) specification number, (e) location number. Mark VII Life Rafts are available to the activities as listed below.

	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class. No.</u>
Automatic, Droppable, MARK VII	R83-R-15570	M-3Q	83

the following accessories:
(Replacement purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following specification numbers.)

Carrying Case	R83-C-8550	M-3Q	83
Inflation Valve Assembly	R83-C-94676	M-3Q	83
Emergency Kit (for stowing emergency equipment)	R83-C-66775	M-3Q	83
Length - 6 ft.	R83-O-4020	M-162	83
Hole Plugs, 5 per raft	R83-P-408500	M-3Q	83
Kit in repair pocket	R83-K-710150	M-3Q	83

Kit contains:

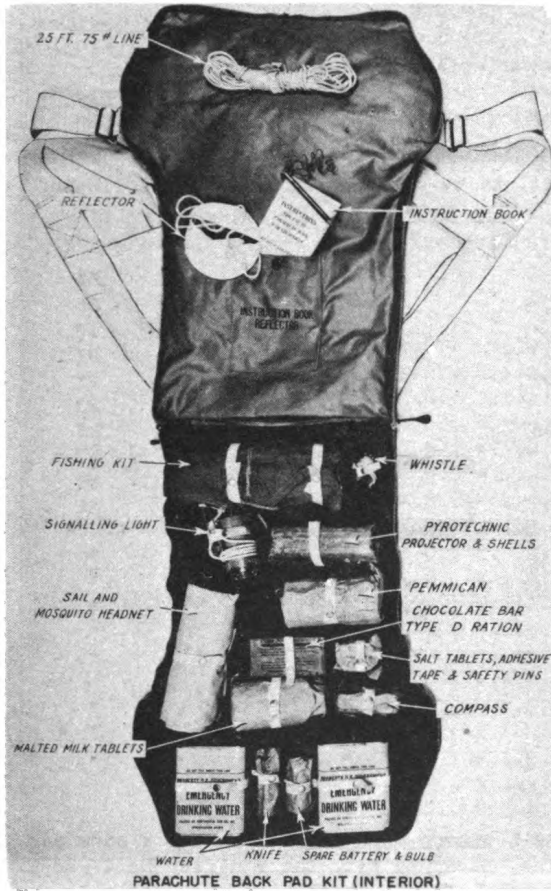
- Patching Material
- Tire Patches
- Rubber Cement
- Metal Roughing Tool
- Pliers
- Scissors

Emergency Kit:

Emergency Kit and Pump	R83-P-408500	AN-P-48	11
Life Lines, 2 per raft	R83-C-76950	M-551	83
First Aid Kit	R37-K-300	M-552	37
Match Box Compass	R37-C-2500	M-554	37
Smoke Grenade Holding Clamp	R83-C-44600	M-3Q	83
Signaling Reflector	R83-R-205000	M-3Q	83
Whistle	R41-K-365	M-3Q	41
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-3Q	42
Line 25' - 75# test	21-R-150	M-3Q	21

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ORIGINAL BACK PAD KIT (KIDNEY SHAPED),
CONTRACT NO. N288s-10807 (INTERIOR)



ORIGINAL BACK PAD KIT (KIDNEY SHAPED),
CONTRACT NO. N288s-10807 (FRONT VIEW)



PARACHUTE BACK PAD KIT (FRONT VIEW)

STANDARD BACK PAD KIT,
SPEC. M-592 (INTERIOR)



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| A Fishing Kit | K Compass Ma |
| B Projector Kit | L, M & N Firs |
| C & D Tablet Rations | O Gloves |
| E Oil | P Poncho |
| F Pins, Tape and Salt Tablets | Q Mosquito He |
| G Sunburn Ointment | R Machete |
| H 25' of 75# Test Line | S Instructio |
| I Tablet Rations | and Signal |
| J Jackknife | T Magnifying |

STANDARD BACK PAD KIT,
SPEC. M-592 (FRONT VIEW)



RD BACK PAD KIT

ication No. M-592, Drawing No. 8802. This kit weighs 13 pounds and is approximately 13" 20" long and 3" thick.

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	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class. No.</u>
rd Back pad Kit, Complete	R83-K-520100	M-592	83

tains the following accessories:

plenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following and specification numbers.)

Emergency Drinking Water, 12-oz. rectangular can	R51-W-135	AN-W-5b	51
Life Raft Tablet Rations	R56-R-6300	M-539b	56
Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	AN-L-2	37
Compass and Match Container	R37-C-2500	AN-C-101	37
Leadnet and Fish Seine	R83-H-200000	M-565	27
5' of 75# Test Line	21-R-150	M-592	21
Electrotechnics	R83-K-710309	M-592	83
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	M&S57-K0366	57
Pocketknife	R41-K-865	M-575	41
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-592	42
Non-folding Machete	C.F.E.	BuAer Drawing 8662	C.F.E.
Signaling Mirror	"	M-580	"
Adhesive Tape	"	C.F.E.	"
Salt Tablets	"	"	"
Sharpening Stone	"	"	"
Pencho	"	NAF-P-61	"
Cotton Gloves	"	NAV-73-G-3	"
Burn Ointment	"	C.F.E.	"
Magnifying Glass	"	"	"
Corrosive Preventative	"	"	"

Availability

Requisitioning activities will use stock No. R83-K-520100 when requisitioning a back pad. Supply officers will deliver either the Original Back pad Kit, the Modified Back pad Kit, Standard Back pad Kit M-592 under this stock number. If all these kits are available, unless otherwise specified by the requisitioning activity, the Original Back pad Kit and the Modified Back pad Kit will be exhausted before the Standard Back pad Kits are issued.

All Back pad Kits were allocated under contract number N288s-10870, quantity 20,000, for distribution as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1st	N.A.S., Pearl Harbor, T.H.	1,000
2nd	N.A.S., Alameda, California	1,000
3rd	N.A.S., San Diego, California	1,000
4th	N.A.S., Seattle, Washington	500
5th	N.A.S., Quonset Point, Rhode Island	500
6th	N.A.S., Norfolk, Virginia	500
7th	N.A.S., Pearl Harbor, T.H.	2,000
8th	N.A.S., Alameda, California	2,000
9th	N.A.S., San Diego, California	2,000
10th	N.A.S., Seattle, Washington	1,500
11th	N.A.S., Quonset Point, Rhode Island	500
12th	N.A.S., Norfolk, Virginia	500
13th	N.A.S., Coco Solo, Canal Zone	200
14th	N.A.S., Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	200
15th	N.A.S., Trinidad, B.W.I.	200
16th	N.A.S., San Juan, P.R.	200

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STANDARD BACK PAD KIT (continued)

17th	N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Texas	200
18th	N.A.S., Jacksonville, Florida	200
19th	M.C.A.S., Cherry Point, N. Carolina	200
20th	N.A.S., Pensacola, Florida	200
21st	N.A.S., Miami, Florida	200
22nd	N.A.F., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	200
23rd	A.S.A., Oakland, California	3,000
24th	A.S.A., Norfolk, Virginia	2,000

The Modified Back Pad Kits, which differ only in thickness from the Original Back Pad Kits allocated under contract number N288s-17021, quantity 10,000, for distribution as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
1st	S.O., N.A.S., Pearl Harbor, T.H.	500
2nd	S.O., N.A.S., Alameda, California	500
3rd	S.O., N.A.S., San Diego, California	500
4th	S.O., N.A.S., Seattle, Washington	250
5th	S.O., N.A.S., Quonset Point, R.I.	250
6th	S.O., N.A.S., Norfolk, Virginia	250
7th	S.O., N.A.S., Pearl Harbor, T.H.	1,000
8th	S.O., N.A.S., Alameda, California	1,000
9th	S.O., N.A.S., San Diego, California	1,000
10th	S.O., N.A.S., Seattle, Washington	750
11th	S.O., N.A.S., Quonset Point, R.I.	250
12th	S.O., N.A.S., Norfolk, Virginia	250
13th	S.O., N.A.S., Coco Solo, Canal Zone	100
14th	S.O., N.A.S., Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	100
15th	S.O., N.A.S., Trinidad, B.W.I.	100
16th	S.O., N.A.S., San Juan, Puerto Rico	100
17th	S.O., N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Texas	100
18th	S.O., N.A.S., Jacksonville, Florida	100
19th	S.O., M.C.A.S., Cherry Point, N. Car.	100
20th	S.O., N.A.S., Pensacola, Florida	100
21st	S.O., N.A.S., Miami, Florida	100
22nd	S.O., N.A.F., NYd., Philadelphia, Pa.	100
23rd	S.O.I.C., A.S.A., N.S.D., Oakland, Cal.	1,500
24th	O.I.C., A.S.A., N.O.B., Norfolk, Va.	1,000

Standard Back Pad Kits under specification M-592 were ordered under contract number N288s-1 quantity 15,000, for delivery to Oakland Annex and under contract number N288s-23690, quantity 30,000, for distribution as follows:

Norfolk Annex	10,000
Oakland Annex	15,000
Naval Aviation Supply Depot, Philadelphia	5,000

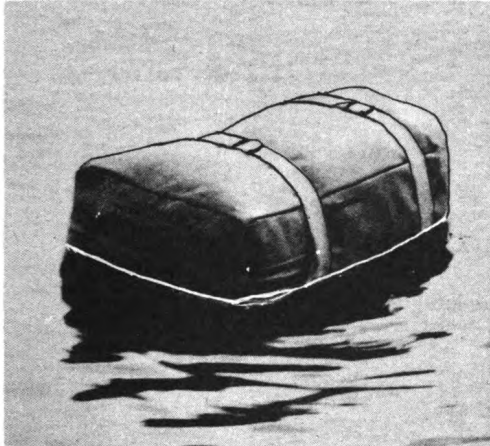
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| A Flashlight | G Compass Match Box | O Chicken Broth | T First Aid Kit |
| B Jackknife | H Lubricant | P Drinking Water | U Dye, Sea Marker |
| C Fishing Kit | J Whistle | Q Dye, Sea Marker | V Emergency Signaling Mirror |
| D Rations | I, K, L, & M Rations | R Rations | W Instruction Booklet |
| E, & F 25' Line | N Tomato Juice | S Projector Kit | |

AIRCRAFT SHIPWRECK KIT

AIRCRAFT SHIPWRECK KIT, SPEC. M-594a



AIRCRAFT SHIPWRECK KIT AFLOAT

Stock No.	R83-K-710400
Specification No.	M-594 and M-594a (See schedule below)
Shipping Data	Shipped in 1 carton complete with accessories
Color	Orange-yellow
Weight	M-594, 55 lbs., M-594a, 55 lbs.
Dimensions	33" long, 15" wide, 11½" high

Aircraft Shipwreck Kits are intended to be dropped survivors on rafts or in the water. They are designed to provide emergency equipment to distressed persons until rescue can be made.

When ordering, specify: (a) quantity, (b) stock number, (c) specification number, (d) classification number. Aircraft Shipwreck Kits are available to the active forces as listed below.

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Date of original contract No. NOa(s)-923, June 5, 1943, for 1,000 Aircraft Shipwreck Kits, 55 lbs. each.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class.</u>
Aircraft Shipwreck Kit, complete	R83-K-710400	M-594	83

It contains the following accessories:
(For replenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following stock and specification numbers.)

Emergency Drinking Water, 8 cans	R51-W-135	AN-W-5	51
Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	AN-K-2	37
Scout Knife	R41-K-365	M-575	41
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	M&S57-K-0366 (INT)	57
Drinking Cup (graduated)	R83-C-81525	M-594	83
Pyrotechnic Projector Kit	R83-K-710309	M-594	83
Dye, Sea Marker (2 cans)	R37-P-25	M-566	37
Woolen Blankets, 2 per kit	27-B-40	Nav 27B7	27
Compass Match Box	R37-C-2500	AN-C-101	37
50' 75# cotton cord	21-R-150	M-594	21
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-594	42
Flashlight, waterproof	17-F-13550	M-594	17
Sunburn Ointment	C.F.E.	C.F.E.	C.F.
Reflector Signaling Mirror	"	"	"
Safety Pins	"	"	"
Malted Milk Tablets (2 bot.)	R56-R-6125	M-539	56
Chicken Broth, 2 12-oz. cans	C.F.E.	C.F.E.	C.F.
Tomato Juice, 2 12-oz. cans	"	"	"
Chewing Gum, 2 packages	"	"	"
Lemon Drops, "Charms"	"	"	"
Cigarettes, 40 with matches	"	"	"
Whiskey, 4 2-oz. bottles	"	"	"

Alcohol causes body dehydration, thus 4 bottles of whiskey have been eliminated from the new type kits and 9 extra cans of water have been added.

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Date of original contract No. N2883-22029; 12 April, 1944, for 5,000 Aircraft Shipwreck Kit weight 55 lbs.

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	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Specification Number</u>	<u>Class. No.</u>
Shipwreck Kit, complete	R83-K-710400	M-594a	83

contains the following accessories:

(For replenishment purposes individual items of the kit can be replaced by using the following stock and specification numbers.)

Emergency Drinking Water, 17 cans	R51-W-135	AN-W-5b	51
Fishing Kit	R37-K-300	AN-K-2	37
Life	R41-K-365	M-575	41
First Aid Kit	R57-K-8525	M&S 57-K-1 (INT)	57
Drinking Cup	R83-C-81525	M-594a	83
Projector Kit	R83-K-71309	M-594a	83
Sea Marker	R37-P-25	M-566	83
Blankets, 2 per kit	27-B-40	Nav 27B7	27
Compass Match Box	R37-C-2500	AN-C-101	37
Compass	R56-R-6300	M-539b	56
Line, 25' of 75# test	21-R-150	M-594a	21
Whistle	R42-W-24000	M-594a	42
Lantern, waterproof	17-F-13550	M-594a	17
Lantern Batteries	17-B-7210	M-594a	17
Antiburn Ointment	C.F.E.	C.F.E.	C.F.E.
Signaling Mirror	"	580-A	"
Adhesive Tape	"	C.F.E.	"
Safety Pins	"	"	"
Sickening Broth	"	"	"
Tomato Juice	"	"	"

Special Orders covering Shipwreck Kit (None).

Availability

Requisitioning Activities will use stock No. R83-K-710400 when requisitioning a Shipwreck Kit. However, supply officers will deliver either the M-594 or the M-594a under this stock number. If both are available, unless otherwise specified by the requisitioning activity, the M-594 kits will be exhausted before the M-594a kits are issued.

Shipwreck Kits have been delivered and are available to all activities in limited quantities. Distribution was complete by the manufacturer as of August 1, 1943. Distribution was made according to the following schedule.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
N.A.S., Pearl Harbor, T.H.	100
A.S.D., Noumea, New Caledonia	150
N.A.S., San Diego, California	100
N.A.S., Norfolk, Virginia	100
N.A.S., Alameda, California	100
N.A.S., Seattle, Washington	100
N.A.S., Quonset Point, R.I.	100
N.A.S., Coco Solo, Canal Zone	12
N.A.S., Guantanamo Bay, Cuba	12
N.A.S., Trinidad, B.W.I.	12
N.A.S., San Juan, P.R.	12
N.A.S., Jacksonville, Florida	12
N.A.S., Miami, Florida	12
N.A.S., Corpus Christi, Texas	12
N.A.S., Pensacola, Florida	12
M.C.A.S., Cherry Point, N. Car.	12
M.C.A.S., Saint Thomas, V.I.	12
N.A.S.D., Philadelphia, Penna.	43
A.S.A., Norfolk, Virginia	43
A.S.A., Oakland, California	43

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RADIO TRANSMITTER ("GIBSON GIRL")

R16-T-9169

RADIO TRANSMITTER ASSEMBLY SCR-578 A
OR SCR-578 B ("GIBSON GIRL")



Radio set SCR-578-A or SCR-578-B, known as the "Gibson Girl," is a simple, rugged, and hand emergency transmitting system which has been designed to be operated from a life raft. No ing equipment is incorporated in the construction of this set. The "Gibson Girl" is constr to provide automatic transmission of predetermined signals so that any operator, no matter he has been trained or not, can send distress signals which will permit a bearing to be tal his location or position determined. The unit can be adjusted to transmit SOS signals, a c ous signal, or it can be keyed manually. An attachment has been fitted on the transmitter enables a signal light to be attached for night usage. This unit is held between the knees operator and the power needed for transmitting is generated by turning a crank which is att to the top part of the set. A box kite or a balloon is provided as a means of raising the The transmitter operates on the international distress frequency of 500 KC, and is packed i terproof container which makes the entire unit buoyant when it is dropped into the water by chute. This "Gibson Girl" has a limited range from 30 to 300 miles at sea, depending upon mospheric conditions.

The main difference between the "A" and "B" sets consists mainly in the packaging and the containers used. Each set complete will contain the following:

- 1 radio transmitter
- 1 inflation tube
- 1 parachute
- 1 hand crank
- Antenna wire
- 1 accessory bag containing the following:
 - 1 kite
 - 1 signal light: either (a) flat lens or
(b) round lens
 - 1 extra roll of antenna wire
 - 1 Instruction Booklet
 - 2 balloons
 - 2 hydrogen generators

The weight of the SCR-578-A is 34 lbs. to 38 lbs., depending upon the hydrogen generator us weight of the SCR-578-B is from 38 lbs. to 42 lbs., depending upon the hydrogen generator u

Radio set AN/CRT-3, a modification of SCR-578-A or SCR-578-B, is now under development. It been designed to transmit on the frequencies of 500 KC and 8280 KC. Transmission will be ically shifted every forty seconds from one frequency to the other. The higher frequency w greatly increase the range of the set. On tests using the 8280 KC frequency, satisfactory have been taken up to 1600 miles. This set should become available to the activities after 1, 1945.

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ent under contract is to be delivered before October, 1944. Shipments are being made to the following:

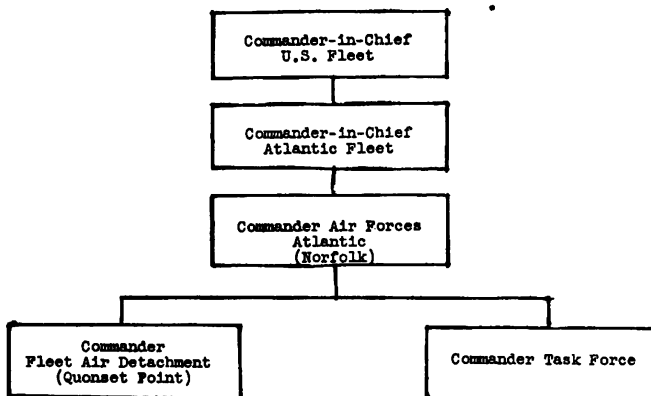
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
A.S.A., Oakland, California	3,000
N.A.S.D., Philadelphia, Penna.	2,000

Shipments are being made by the contractor to the above, but are to be redistributed to the following activities:

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- M.C.A.S., Quantico, Virginia
- N.A.S., San Diego, California
- N.A.S., Seattle, Washington
- N.A.S., Bermuda
- N.A.S., Coco Solo, Canal Zone
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	N.A.S. Pensacola Fla.
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ATLANTIC FLEET ORGANIZATION
(Tentative Plan)



Functions similar to Aircraft Material Office at Oakland.

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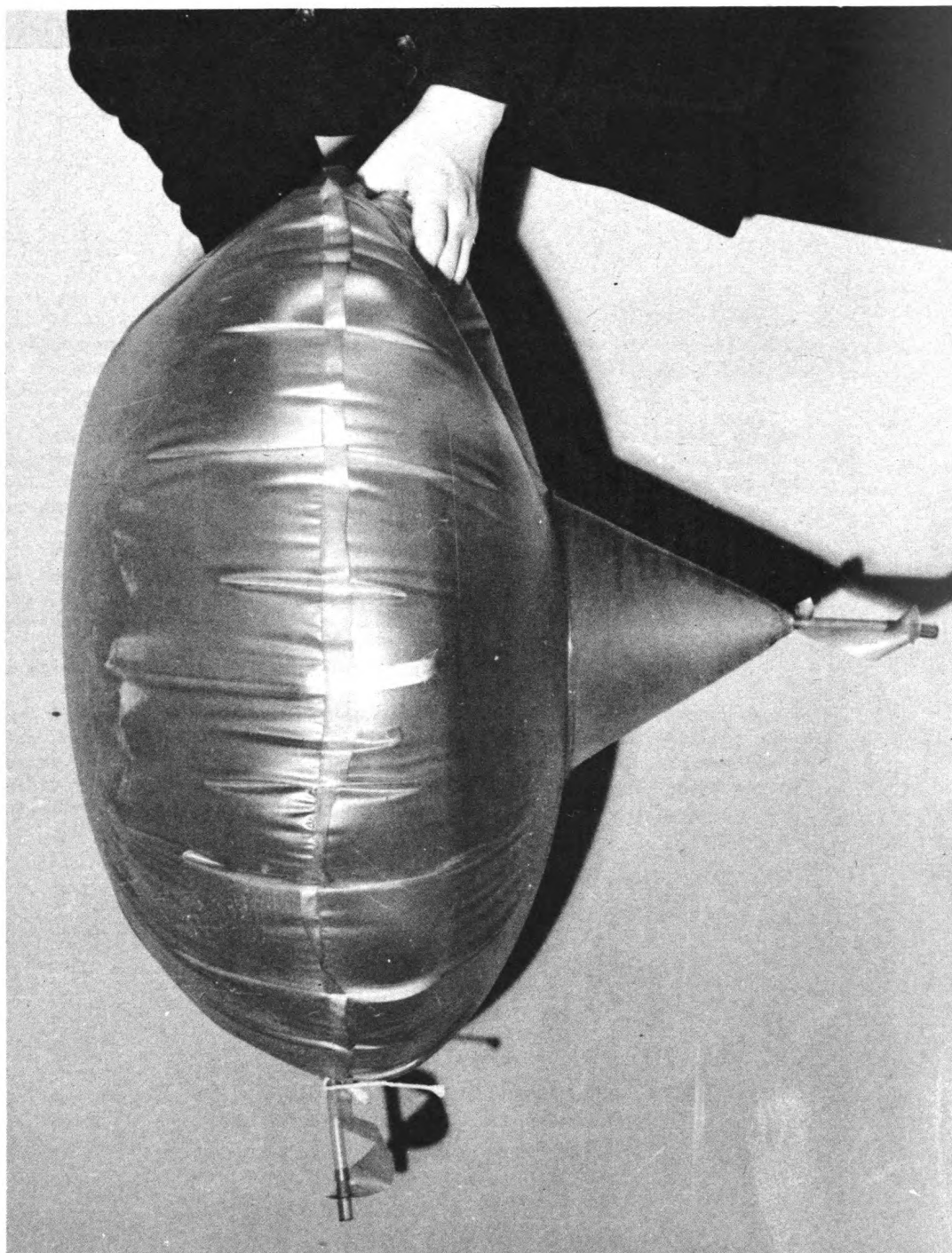
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AIR SEA RESCUE BULLETIN

It is worthy of note that we are continuing to work with emphasis on development of rescue equipment, methods, techniques, and procedures, even in the midst of a war which is inflicting upon the world the greatest destruction of life and property in all history.

At the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of the Navy has established the Air Sea Rescue Agency to conduct joint studies and collect and disseminate information on all rescue devices, and maintain liaison on such subjects with the United Nations.

The scope of this work essentially is broad because we are engaged in war operations extending virtually to every corner of the earth's surface. Under the stress of these circumstances, much rescue equipment, and many methods, techniques, and procedures previously developed are obsolete, or of limited usefulness; and some problems are new. Progress in rescue work is vital in war, and will be important in peace.

In order that all concerned may be informed on developments and progress in the field of rescue, the Agency will publish monthly the Air Sea Rescue Bulletin. Pertinent information developed by the Air Sea Rescue Agency Staff and assembled from other sources will be published in the Bulletin for restricted distribution.



R. R. WAESCHE
Commandant, U. S. Coast Guard
(Head of Air Sea Rescue Agency)

AIR SEA RESCUE AGENCY ORGANIZATION

The Air Sea Rescue Agency has been established by the Secretary of the Navy in accordance with the request of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Under its directive, the Agency is headed by the Commandant of the Coast Guard, assisted by a board representing Army Air Forces, Army Service Forces, and the Navy; and officers from the several services have been assigned to duty on the Agency's staff.

Members of the board, officially known as the Board for Air Sea Rescue, are:

Colonel C. V. Whitney and Lt. Col. C. B. Whitehead from Army Air Forces.

Lt. Col. W. J. Renn from Army Service Forces.

Capt. C. D. Emory and Comdr. Paul Foley, Jr., from the Navy.

The Agency will conduct joint studies and assemble information, disseminate that information with appropriate recommendations for action to all interested agencies of the United States; and maintain liaison with agencies of other United Nations, on two phases of Air Sea Rescue. One of these phases embraces work with technical data concerning research, development, and design of air sea rescue equipment; the other involves methods, techniques, and procedures including the adequacy of facilities for Air Sea Rescue.

The Agency's joint studies are made by committees established by the Board when necessity is indicated. At present committees are considering emergency and survival publications, the adequacy of existing Air Sea Rescue facilities, a communications doctrine and recommendations on a plan for coordination of communications facilities in rescue operations, drop-pable rescue equipment including airborne boats, Lindholme dinghy, life rafts, etc., and primary life saving equipment on heavily loaded transports.

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FOR AIRMAN AND SEAMAN One of the many somewhat dreamlike projects to which war has lent cal impetus is the creation of means to make the sea yield drinkable water. No risk of shipwreck is more justly dreaded by mariners than that of water failure. In fact, the airman's chance of water failure is greater than that of the seaman.

Lifeboats and large rafts of ships can and do carry ten quarts of water per man. Occasionally water breakers burst a plug from force of an explosion. But barring such accidents men on board, without rain, have an adequate supply for 20 days. Chances of being rescued within weeks are good. For this reason regulators of marine equipment have not considered increasing the man-water ratio vitally urgent.

For airmen down at sea the story is different. Combat aircraft and their inflatable rafts must travel light, precluding a generous cargo of water casks. The average allowance for a man currently is less than two pints, enough for two days only, according to medical authorities. The problem is to squeeze more water into available carrying space.

There is not yet recorded an effort to concentrate water into tablets. But some apparatus designed to solve the problem appears to stem from Rube Goldberg; for example, a gadget to catch and condense vapor of a man's breath. Three practical methods of producing drinking water have, however, emerged from experimental stages. They are:

- (1) Removal of salts from sea water by addition of chemicals.
- (2) Distillation of fresh from salt water by small fuel-burning stills.
- (3) Distillation of fresh water by "Solar Stills," using sun alone.

DESALINATION BY CHEMICALS Chemical desalination is not based upon a new principle. Patents leading to this method were taken out as early as ten years ago. Experiments have been conducted during recent years by both the Farnsworth Company in the United States and the Water Pollution Research Board in England. Working independently, both have produced chemical briquets which, when shaken in sea water, precipitate the salts. Sea water thus treated is drinkable when filtered. The Water Pollution Research Board, working with the RAF, and Permutit, collaborating with the U. S. Navy, have designed kits for use in aircraft.

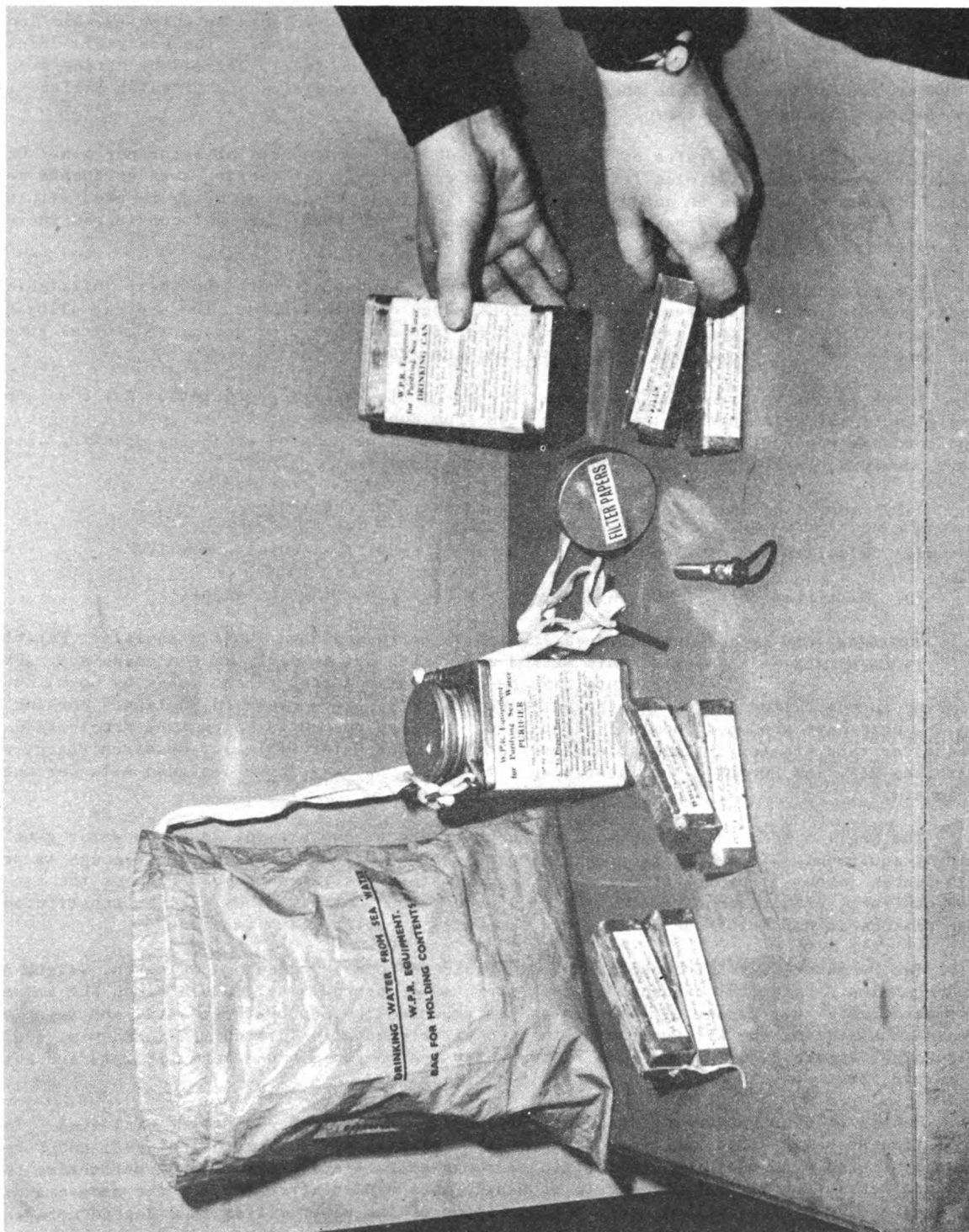
The English WPRB kit is designed to occupy space of two present 14-ounce water cans in dinghy equipment. It weighs 4½ pounds and includes 18 briquets, or charges, enough to produce 180 ounces (about 11 pints) of water — approximately six times the capacity of the two cans. Under contract, production of these kits may reach 7,000 monthly. They will be substituted for water rations in RAF multi-seater fighters, one kit to replace each two cans.

The Permutit-Navy kit occupies the same space as one 12-ounce can of water, weighs 2½ pounds and contains 6 briquets, enough to render 6 pints — approximately seven times the amount of water in the replaced can. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics has procured 160,000 of these kits, and expects to begin substituting one kit for one of the two water cans allowed each man in Navy aircraft. The Air Force has directed that one-man rubber rafts are to contain one Permutit kit, and Royal Canadian Air Force now is considering possible adoption.

Merits of WPRB versus American Permutit equipment have not been fully evaluated. The Water Pollution Research Board made some tests of the Permutit kit in prefinal stages, and Farnsworth Company tested WPRB equipment, but official comparative tests are yet to be performed. Results of such tests probably would indicate both processes render approximately the same amount of drinkable water per briquet volume, but that qualities of the water differ in a degree more acceptable than practical.

Of the two, the American Permutit kit is simpler in use, but in early tests a mildly unpleasant flavor was believed to have resulted from treatment of the water in the vinylite rafts. This is said to be corrected. Both require about half-hour for production of a pint of water.

Pictures of these kits appear on pages 4 and 5.



British W.P.R. DRINKING Water Equipment.

Packaged, the two cans contain 18 chemical briquets, filter papers, and pump. In use, contents are dumped into waterproof bag, sea water and briquet are shaken together in Purifier can, desalted water is pumped through filter into Drinking can.



American Permutit Drinking Water Kit.

Chemical packets and plastic bag are stowed in can. In use, sea water and briquet are mixed in bag by kneading and shaking, resultant fresh water is sucked from outlet tube, passing through filter in bottom.

**BURNING
STILLS**

Fuel stills for distilling fresh from sea water are not new in principle either, many of them — notably Barnstead and Higgins — have been and are used by U. S. Armed Forces in the field. But development of small stills designed for use in lifeboats and rafts is recent.

Imperial British attention has been directed to the development and testing of this type of still during the past year. Better known among stills for this purpose are Goodfellow, Young, and Dirshel.

Young is smallest of the British stills, weighing 35 pounds and measuring 16x10x10 inches. It requires briquet coal. Under open boat conditions it produces about 5 U.S. pints* per hour, while using four-fifths of a pound of fuel.

Goodfellow lifeboat still, developed by the British Admiralty, is larger (22x9½x16½) but slightly less (32 pounds with empty fuel tank), and produces about 10 pints of water per hour on kerosene. It requires refilling after each 12 hours of operation.

Minimax, tested and approved by the British Ministry of War Transport last spring, is cylindrical in shape, about 3 feet high by 1 foot in diameter, weighs 42 pounds, and uses briquetted fuel. This still produces about 5 pints of water per hour and per pound of fuel.

Best of the British stills is the Dirshel, likewise cylindrical and about the size of the Minimax. It weighs 53 pounds and produces approximately 4 pints per hour, using less than one-half pound of kerosene.

Stills are in general use in British Merchant Marine lifeboats, under Ministry of War Transportations. The one most used is the Minimax.

Records indicate that stills are not used in the Royal Navy. Some Minimax stills are used by the U.S. Merchant Marine.

In the United States, Safety Still is the best known small still. It is manufactured by the Safety Still Co. of West Cheshire, Conn. This still is cylindrical and built in three sizes, weighing respectively 17½, 8, and 4 pounds. The medium sized model is most popular. It is to be noted that it weighs one fourth as much as the lightest British still previously discussed, and is very compact (14 inches high by 7½ inches diameter). All Safety stills are fueled by a solid fuel compound packed in tins. The manufacturer claims these stills will distill 11 to 12 pints of water per pound of this fuel. In open boat tests they have done better, and worse.

The large Safety unit is designed to produce 3.6 pints per hour, the intermediate 1.6, and the small one, now in process of modification, about 1 pint.

The intermediate model, along with 49 cans (6 pounds) of Safety fuel, has for some time been used as standard equipment in the five-man rubber rafts of Transcontinental & Western Air (of Air Transcontinental).

U. S. Navy Bureau of Aeronautics has purchased some 8-pound Safety stills (Navy Specification 362-1) for use in rafts on large patrol aircraft. They are not yet in service, but the Bureau has previously purchased some of the larger size for the same purpose, and is satisfied with their efficiency.**

Stability and efficiency tests of the Safety still have had variable results. TWA and BuAer report satisfactory performance. But last fall, Naval Medical Research Institute, in connection with sea tests of various water-producing equipment (including sun stills and the Permutit still) found several defects in this still; among them, unpleasant fuel fumes and sensitivity to waves.

Stills are not standard lifeboat equipment on American merchant vessels, but Navy has purchased 200 Safety stills for three large transport ships (transports are the only Navy lifeboats that use lifeboats in wartime).

Figure of the Safety Still appears on Page 7.

Imperial gallon (2 British quarts, 8 British pints) is equivalent of 10 U. S. pints. The Bureau of Ships has purchased about 500 of these stills for PT boats in the South Pacific



Safety Still in TWA Raft

(Official U. S. Navy Photograph)

S The solar still is the youngest, or most experimental, of the three water-producing methods under discussion. The British, because of weather peculiar to their isles, have left that subject to the United States, and most of the work on solar stills goes to Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Chemical Co., Inc., of New York City.

allowhur "roll-up" sun still (Delano Model A Type) folds into a cylindrical cardboard 18 x 4 7/8 inches in diameter. With the container, it weighs 2 pounds and 9 ounces. Un- is a square of spongy black cloth encased in a transparent plastic frame 15 1/2 x 15 1/2 x 7/8 ; may be set up anywhere in a raft or boat where it can catch the sun. The cloth is kept wet by sea water; the vapor created by the action of the sun on the wet cloth condenses on the sides of the plastic and collects in the bottom of the frame, from which it is drawn e. One to two ounces of water per hour is average production. Army Air Forces have 1,000 of these stills. Fragility is the principal objection to the roll-up still. It res considerable attention to operate.

ferent and newer type of sun still is the "cushion still." When inflated, this vinylite mats in the water alongside the raft, thus getting in no one's way. Sea water is poured e funnel into the outlet and is absorbed by the black sponge pad inside the evaporator. tube and then the outer casing are blown up orally or with life raft pump. The excess is drained out and the still is put overboard. The sun heats the water in the sponge oduces vapor which runs down through the outlet into the water bag. This type of still ittle attention.

ria Telkes of MIT has developed such a still, and the Gallowhur Company a similar model feeding wicks. Deflated, the Gallowhur model folds into a flexible bag 6 1/2 x 3-3/8 inches, ole weighs only 13 ounces. In tests off Miami last February, the Telkes still produced ces of water per hour of sunshine, about the best so far for sun stills under test con- The bugs yet to be eradicated in cushion stills are: (1) fragility, and (2) unpleasant the water due probably to some factor in the vinylite. Sun stills are obviously useful nny seas, but this may not be called a defect. Their extreme lightness and compactness e them valuable as auxiliary equipment, and southern waters where they could be used are onnel is likely to remain adrift longest, and be thirstiest. It must not be forgotten vailability of water is a factor in mental as well as physical survival. A sun still the only method promising limitless supply of water. By that token it is the one offer- st sense of security.

RISON Any equipment designed to supply drinking water to men adrift at sea
TINGS must be judged by rating in the following tests: (1) Compared to space occupied by equipment and its weight. (2) Ruggedness of equipment - to the effects of wind and waves. (3) Ease of operation.

ie three more practical methods evolved during the last two years, chemical desalination st overall rating. It achieves a six to one ratio for Test 1, and excellent marks in d 3. The Naval Medical Research Institute test rated the Permutit kit by far the method rice.

stills make a good grade on Test 1, especially over a long period. But the bulk and even the smallest restricts their use to boats and larger rubber rafts. They are af- ersely by wind and waves, and their operation is most complicated of the three.

stills, while easily passing Test 3, have not yet made a passing grade on Test 2. Their Test 1 is potentially the highest of all, but only in tropical seas. They are notably compact, and although they cannot be used as an exclusive source of supply, their value ary equipment should not be unde.estimated.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN SIGNALING MIRRORS

A DISCLOSURE BY R. S. HUNTER
OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF
STANDARDS IS QUOTED:

"Signal mirrors are small compact inexpensive which will give bright signals of reflected sun visible for many miles. They have been developed during the present war chiefly for inclusion

rescue equipment of life rafts and lifeboats. The 4-inch square mirror used by the British is made of polished stainless steel and has tied to it a small white key. This is held in front of the mirror to show by light reflected from it when the signal is aimed in the line of sight. The device most widely purchased by the American services is a tempered-glass mirror which reflects on both sides and has a cross-shaped viewing hole in the center. Signals from this mirror are aimed by keeping the target in view through the hole while the image of the cross-shaped hole is reflected on some surface behind the mirror is observed in the rear of the mirror and brought into coincidence with the hole by tipping the mirror. This 4 x 5 inch signaling mirror was developed jointly by the National Bureau of Standards and the General Electric Company between October and March, 1943.

"In tests recently conducted by the National Bureau of Standards both the British and the American rearsight types of signaling mirrors were found hard to use from a craft in rough water. Signalers working from life rafts in open water found it especially difficult to keep an airplane in view through the small mirror peep holes as they performed the complex tasks necessary to direct mirror signals to it. A new type of signaling mirror proposed by Charles H. Learned of Carmel, California, in a disclosure submitted to the National Invention Council, was used in the same tests and found to be much superior for signaling. This success is attributed to (1) the large window rather than restricted peep hole through which the target is viewed, and (2) the positive indication of the direction of signaling which is a bright red spot in the field of view.

**REFLECTOR BUTTON
ON LEARNED MIRROR**

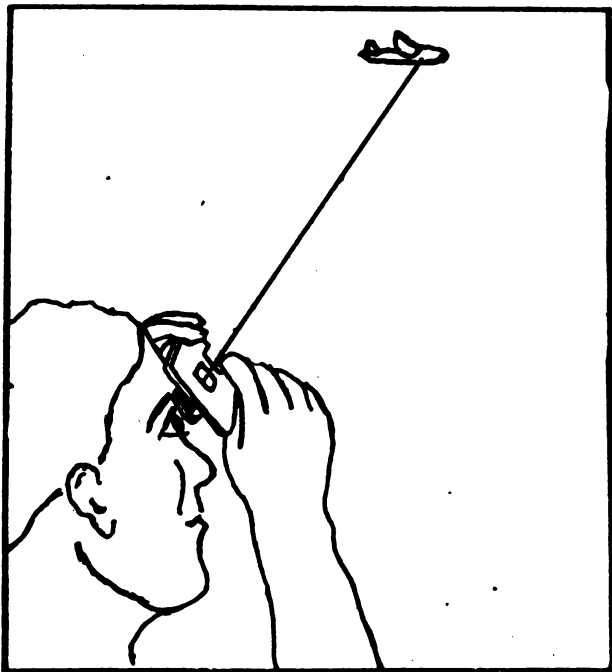
"The Learned signaling mirror makes use of a reflector button of the type which returns incident light toward the source from which it comes and is widely used on vehicles and traffic barriers to make them more visible to night traffic. To make a Learned mirror, a window about 1/2 inch square is left near the center of the mirrorized coating of a small glass or clear plastic mirror. Inclined behind this clear window and attached at one side is a small retrodirect reflector button about the same size as the window.

"To signal with the Learned mirror, it is held so that sunlight passes through the clear window and strikes the button. The signaler brings his eye to the rear of the mirror so that he can see under the inclined face of the button through the clear window. He sees a bright red spot which shows him the direction in which the mirror signal is being sent. He can put this signal wherever he wants by simply twisting the mirror and directing the spot at the signaling target.

"The red spot is due to the red reflector button and to the surface of the clear window. The button reverses the direction of the beam of sunlight and colors it red. The surface of the clear window, which is identical with the mirror surface, reflects part of this red beam toward the observer. The direction of this reflection to the rear is exactly opposite to the direction of reflection by the main mirror and therefore the spot appears to be in the direction in which the mirror signal is sent. A fortunate feature of this device is the fact that the spot appears to be distant rather than close; therefore the eye can be held immediately behind the window where it has a wide angle of view.

"The National Bureau of Standards has proposed several designs for production of the type of signaling mirror in both plastic and glass. Experiments are being conducted with mirrors designed to give colored instead of white signals. One manufacturer has proposed that the device be made an aid to both day and night rescue by the addition of a large retrodirect reflector to the rear of the mirror. Such a reflector is visible at night for great distances. "A rescue worker with a searchlight."

THE LEARNED MIRROR



TO SIGNAL WITH THIS MIRROR
AIM RED SPOT AT TARGET

TO FIND RED SPOT, PROCEED
AS FOLLOWS:

1. SWING FLAP BACK TO STOP
2. GRASP MIRROR BY LEGS &
HOLD AGAINST FOREHEAD
3. TURN SO LEGS ARE NEAR-
EST TARGET, OPPOSITE
END IS NEAREST SUN, &
MIRROR FACES HALF WAY
BETWEEN

4. RED SPOT SHOULD THEN APPEAR IN THE SQUARE WINDOW

5. TWIST MIRROR TO PUT IT ON THE TARGET

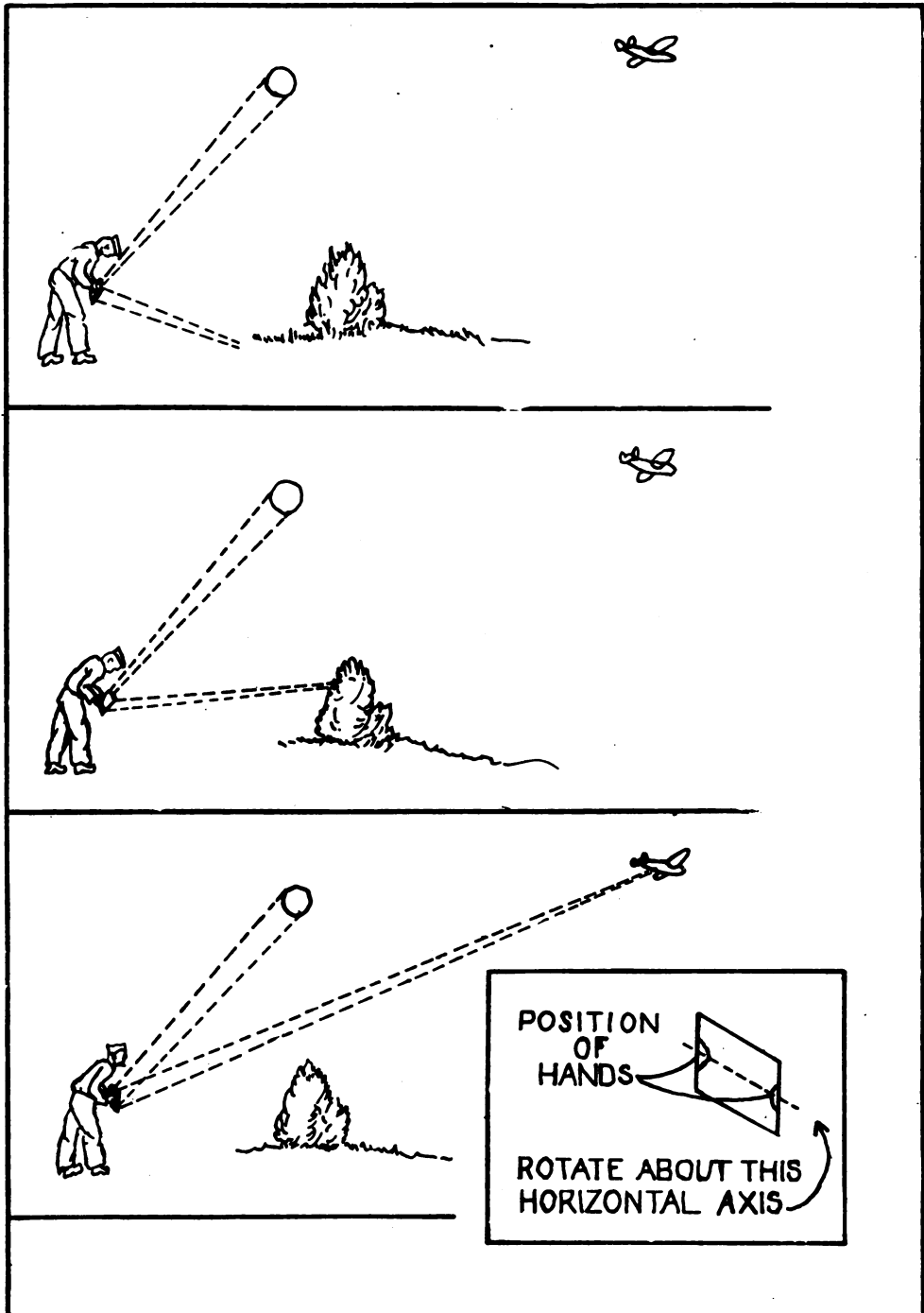
IMPORTANT: PRACTICE SIGNALING IN ALL DIRECTIONS

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TWICHELL MIRROR AIMING METHOD

**NEW AIMING METHOD,
BOAT OR RAFT TEST
IS CONTEMPLATED**

There has also recently been received information on a new method of aiming a plane mirror. This method has been used successfully by Mr. W. D. Twichell in surveying work in Texas. Some preliminary tests have been conducted by the Army, but no detailed reports have been received. Preliminary tests here indicate that the method is quite efficient when used ashore. It is contemplated that tests from a boat or raft at sea will be made very shortly. The principle of the method of aiming is quite simple, the flash being made to move in a line approximately perpendicular to the horizon and toward the target. If there is some object between the observer and the target on which the flash can be seen, the method works quite well. Continuous aiming, of course, cannot be attained by this method.



SURVIVOR ACCOUNTS

section of the Air Sea Rescue Bulletin will publish narratives and comments by or about surface or aircraft disasters. Discomforts, desires, and ingenuities of men forced ship or aircraft at sea are valuable guides to continued improvement in rescue technique.

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IN MANNING CLAGETT'S ACCOUNT RELATED COMMENT

Seaman Manning Clagett's ship was sunk during enemy action in the Arabian Sea early this year. All 68 of the crew on this small merchant vessel were rescued after four days. Their two lifeboats and three rafts were lashed together, and with the aid of charts and party in boats attempted to navigate. Nineteen men were in Clagett's boat. Its motor function. Very pistols, smoke bombs, and rockets were not successful in attracting attention. A coastal patrol plane which was sighted on the third day. Finally on the fourth day was made with a flying boat by using the portable radio. Seaman Clagett praised the radio, used even after an accidental bath in the sea, as well as its automatic sending device not require a skilled operator to handle.

Blankets were not used for warmth but for protection from sun. The tarpaulin was unhandy not be used as a protective awning when the sails were rigged. He suggested a lighter blanket or throw would have been more useful in the Arabian Sea.

Equipment

Equipment was used principally for catching minnows and sharks. Minnows were eaten. Instructions advise against eating raw shark, but a ship's cook was aboard, so a stove was used from a bucket, a tin, and fishing tackle. Fire was started with paper wrapping, and was cooked in storm oil from the lifeboat equipment. SUGGESTION: A primus or sterno cooking birds or fish.

Food

Rations consisted of malted milk tablets, chocolate, crackers (similar to graham crackers), pemmican (with raisins). Seaman Clagett did not object to sweetness of this particular. The chocolate was best in his opinion but had a tendency to increase thirst. Pemmican was used and because of this was saved until the last. Clagett said when help was enroute, some men ate too much of this and became ill as a result.

Water

There was a total of 310 quarts of water for 19 people in the 31-man boat. This would have lasted a month at the rate of a pint per day for each man. The crew elected to make it last three months by allowing but a quarter-pint per day per man, two ounces in the morning and two ounces in the afternoon. Usually they were thirsty, but considered the ration sufficient for survival. This was according to medical authorities who hold daily requirement to be a pint per day over the ration. All hands had a double ration after making contact with the plane. Seaman Clagett did not really want all of it. The men kept their clothing wet with sea water to prevent drying. SUGGESTION: A posted warning that water must not be too severely rationed.

Health in Clagett's opinion is highly important. He believes that men could have survived for a longer period on the food and water that were available, but nervous and mental strain meanwhile had been their undoing. Factors contributing to strain were: (1) Muscular discomfort. The men could not sleep comfortably on the broken surfaces of the boat, and could not sit comfortably on surfaces of the rafts. (2) Lack of diversion. A deck of playing cards would have been helpful in passing time and as a result a deck was finally fashioned from bits of card-packets. Cigarettes were greatly desired by all survivors. SUGGESTION: The inclusion of these two items in lifeboat equipment.

Summary

The experiences of Clagett and his companions were not too arduous by comparison with but indicate: (1) The crew's training in abandon-ship procedure was good. Boats and raft launched successfully and lashed together and as a result none were lost. (2) Their training survival procedure was inadequate in one respect in that they underestimated minimum daily requirement. (3) Equipment in boats and rafts for physical survival was satisfactory, all the food ration needed relief from sweets. An emergency stove would have been very useful. For daytime contact with aircraft, radio signals were more efficient than flash and smoke

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LIFEBOAT The Coast Guard has recently initiated the distribution of a log book
LOG BOOK placed in lifeboats and rafts of merchant vessels for the use of survi

Entitled *Log Book for Use in Lifeboats and Life Rafts*, this pamphlet has sixty pages space, with appropriate columns to record time, weather, position, and general remarks each also data concerning the persons in the boat and the loss of their ship. At the back of it which is indexed, are twenty-one pages of advice on medical aid, protection from exposure, rations and ways to obtain more, habits of eating, sleeping, maintenance of discipline, etc. section includes a valuable article of instruction in navigation in emergencies, with table prepared by Dr. Bart J. Bok of Harvard Astronomical Laboratory.

The purpose of the log is made clear in the foreword by Vice Admiral R. R. Waesche, U from which the following is quoted:

"... has been most difficult to obtain detailed information on events occurring during abandonment [of ship] and later while in boats or rafts, since memory is short and survivors often recall the facts which would be most valuable. It is believed that ... much useful data [obtained by recording events, as they occur, in this log book. In it also may be entered and suggestions for better means of abandoning ship and for improving lifesaving apparatus information will be utilized for the benefit of other seamen who may be forced to take to and life rafts in the future."

Survivors, when rescued, are asked to turn their log book over to the first Coast Guard officer or office available, or to the American Consul of a foreign country, who will forward the Coast Guard.

The log book is printed on waterproof paper and a punch hole has been provided for the use of an indelible pencil. It is recommended that the book be kept in a metal chart container or placed in one of the lifeboat's provision containers.

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HEALTH AND MEDICAL

**OIL REMOVAL FROM SKIN,
R.I. RESEARCH PROJECT
X-195, FEBRUARY 7, 1944.**

The Naval Medical Research Institute has completed investigation of detergents for removal of fuel oils from the skin. Early in the war many burned and wounded men were rescued from sea areas covered with fuel oil. Complete

removal of the oil seemed urgent for several reasons, (1) to find wounds, (2) to prevent contamination, (3) to allow healing, and (4) esthetic reasons.

A search was initiated for detergents which painlessly and completely would remove the time detergents sought were to be antiseptic in nature. Later it became apparent that the first and last reasons for removal need be considered important, since fuel oil does not interfere with healing and is not a substance favoring growth of bacteria.

In the course of investigation it was learned that ordinary mineral oil is an inert, painless, solvent for fuel oil.

Search for a detergent then concentrated on increasing the power of mineral oil to remove fuel oil. Comparative study has been made of 44 detergent-oil mixtures with mineral and coconut oil. Detergents were found to enhance slightly the ability of mineral and coconut oil to remove fuel oil. They are known commercially as Aerosol OT and Atlas G7596T. Coconut oil is an excellent solvent for fuel oil only at temperatures above 79 degrees F. The efficacy of mineral oil is equal to that of any detergents and detergent-oil mixtures and it is usable at all temperatures.

Mineral oil (light) appears to be the best all-around agent for practical removal of fuel oil from the skin, wounds, and burns. Certain detergents when mixed with mineral oil appear to enhance the ability to remove last traces of fuel oil, but the increase is slight. Complete removal of fuel oil from the skin or burns has been found unnecessary.

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**WEST CHARGES
UNPALATABLE**

Transcontinental and Western Air Lines discovered personnel removing carbon dioxide (sparklet) flasks from Mae Wests for the purely social purpose of making soda water. To defeat this in shortsighted use of the inflation device, TWA first tried locking it in the vest with a padlock, but this was not entirely effective. Sparklet Devices, producers of the flask, was asked to devise a way of making CO₂ charges unpalatable. The company responded by adding menthol and peppermint, flavors undesirable in a long drink, in manufacture of sparklets. The flask has been submitted to Wright Field for approval as standard equipment.

While, Navy Bureau of Aeronautics has issued a Technical Order (No. 44-44, 1 April 1944) "that CO₂ bottles used on life vests will not accidentally be discharged." It is that:

"The actuating lever on each CO₂ bottle shall be safety-tied with one loop of breakable thread of not more than 5 or 6 pounds strength. The linen thread, 5 or 6 lb. test, used in safe-tying parachute rip cord pins is suitable."

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TRAINING FILMS AND STRIPS

GROUP REVIEWS AND EVALUATES EXISTING FILM

The Emergency Rescue Equipment and Survival Film Group appointed to evaluate existing training films and film strips to date has 11 films and five strips as satisfactory for continued use. The group's objective is to eliminate training films and film strips which deal with obsolete equipment and technical sound procedures and techniques. It also determines need for training aids on survival and emergency equipment not already treated.

Films and strips listed as satisfactory for continued use follow:

Training Films

MN-1145 - Abandon Ship
 MN-1329 - Forced Down at Sea
 MN-922z - Troop Life Aboard Ship
 MN-2306 - Castaway
 MC-2063 - Swimming Through Burning Oil and Through Surf

Film Strips

SN-15381 - Survival in South Pacific
 SN-1538a - Melanesia
 SN-1538d - Marshall, Gilbert, and Ellice Islands
 SN-1538f - Caroline, Marianas, and Bonin Islands
 SN-1538m - Netherlands East Indies - Lesser Sunda Islands

The Review Group is composed of technicians on emergency equipment and survival techniques who meet regularly in the Bureau of Ships Conference Room. Organizations represented are: Emergency Rescue Branch, AAF; Water Division, AGF; Bureau of Aeronautics, Bureau of Ships, and Bureau of Medicine, U. S. Navy; Training Division and Medical Division, U. S. Coast Guard, Air Service Agency, and War Shipping Administration.

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DITCHING - BEFORE AND AFTER - A NEW FILM IS REVIEWED

An Air Transport Command training film, made by Loucks & Norliss Studios, New York, and produced by U. S. Rubber Company and Eastern Air Lines. Prints are available upon official request; Navy file number MC-3750, Air Force number AF-112. The film maintains thoughtfulness, but for training purposes it may be divided into four sections: emergency equipment, ditching preparation, land plane ditching techniques, and survival on a rubber raft.

The following outline is for instructors unable to procure the film immediately, and as a teaching aid when film is shown.

Emergency Equipment

1. All ATC planes flown over water carry some type of rubber raft. The C-46 Command (used in film) carries A-3 raft described below:
 - a. Raft is lashed near escape exit with 20-foot line, long enough to reach the water. It should be tied so that, when tossed from plane, carbon dioxide cylinder will be released for automatic raft inflation.
 - b. Central container within raft holds the following emergency equipment: 3 collapsible oars (film shows how to remove and assemble), hand pump, sea anchor, matches in waterproof container, compass, waterproof light to float alongside raft, metal signaling mirror, 3 cans of sea marker, Very pistol and 5 flares, 9 Army "K" rations units, 7 12-ounce cans of drinking water, first-aid kit, fishing kit, 3 paulins - one for rain water, one for sail, and one for sunshade or camouflage.

- c. Equipment in raft side pockets includes bailing bucket, repair kit (film demonstrates methods), 40 feet of cord, whistle, oar locks, and knife.

The film illustrates and explains the use of contents in Type E-5 and E-2 Emergency Kits, developed to be dropped by parachute to both land and sea survivors. Type E-5 is a Waterproof Overwater Emergency Sustenance Kit designed to float until picked up. Type E-2 Kit contains equipment to assist in living off the land in remote areas. Another drop contains an emergency radio which automatically will transmit the International Distress. The film illustrates purposes of the hand crank, light, antenna, kite, hydrogen balloon, and other actions.

All personnel flying over water are supplied with inflatable life vests, and should be used in their operation and use as described by the film.

on for Ditching

Procedures for ditching vary with the type of aircraft. The method shown in the film is that of the C-46. Duties of crew members are:

Pilot gives short rings to indicate plane is to be ditched, instructs navigator to determine his position; removes parachute and dons life vest, secures shoulder harness and safety harness, takes over flying controls. *Co-pilot* remains seated to assist until after ditching.

Navigator relays ship's position to radio operator, removes parachute and puts on life vest. (Important: When wearing life vest always loosen collar and tie.) He collects maps, and extra equipment, such as Very pistol, extra rations, water, and first-aid kit, and stores them in an empty parachute bag which then is secured near life rafts. Next he destroys unneeded material, and locks chair in stationary position. Before assuming position against step forward of the cabin, he inspects flotation equipment to see that it is ready for launching.

Flight engineer assists passengers to ditching stations, instructs them in duties and when plane hits water, opens emergency doors opposite troop door and over wing amidships, tests escape lines and assumes ditching station next to navigator.

Radio operator starts sending SOS as soon as position is received, sheds parachute, dons life vest, locks sending key, locks chair as far aft as possible, and takes ditching position in his chair.

Pilot warns crew with one short ring as plane is about to hit the sea.

of Ditching a Land Plane

The most important factors to pilot are direction of wind and condition of sea's surface. Ditching should be made while plane still has fuel. Pilot should fly at about 100 feet above the wind direction and condition of sea. When sea is glassy it is difficult to determine wind direction even at low altitude. Dropping smoke bomb or empty box may be helpful. When sea is choppy it is best to ditch at lowest possible airspeed.

Film shows aerial views and animated shots of sea to demonstrate the method of estimating wind direction by characteristics of ocean's surface: Wind traveling 10-20 mph, a few white caps; 20-30 mph, many white caps; and 30-40 mph, spray blowing from crest of waves.

Other characteristics of the sea which indicate wind direction are: *Wind lanes*, usually a good indication of wind direction, are caused by gusts of wind and make ripples across ocean's surface. *Waves*, on open sea, move with the wind and break downwind. *Foam* from breaking waves does not move back from the wave and into wind. *Spray* indicates direction and strength of wind. *Wells* are caused by past or distant storms.

Principles for ditching are dependent upon following conditions: (Illustrated by animated

- a. Wind less than 10 mph and sea calm to moderate, land plane parallel to swells and in bottom of trough.

- b. Wind over 10 mph and sea moderate to rough with long swells, land into wind.
- c. Sea a series of short swells, land into wind.
- d. Wind at angle to sea. judgment and experience is deciding factor. If wind is land into wind.

5. When ditching, gear should be retracted, flaps lowered to medium, and plane put in 3-point landing position. Motor is stalled just as plane touches water. There are two impacts: first slight when tail hits, and second more severe when nose dives forward.

Life Aboard a Rubber Raft

The following hints for use of emergency equipment and advice to sea survivors are discussed:

1. Secure separate rafts together and travel in party.
2. The first duty is to treat the wounded.
3. Inflate cross-seats with pump. Inspect raft for leaks, etc. When inflated proper should have smooth round contour. If warm weather causes air in raft to expand, pressure released by loosening topping-off valves.
4. Take stock of provisions. Start strict rationing immediately.
5. Equipment should be lashed, even that in side pockets.
6. The raft top side is bright yellow for visibility to searching planes and ships. Bottom side is blue to appear like sky or water to fish and sharks.
7. When wind drift is considerable, cast out sea anchor to prevent excessive drift and twisting in rough sea. Several rafts lashed together provide greater stability.
8. Take bearing and plot course regardless of distance from land and crudeness of navigation means. Have an objective and be determined to reach it. Rig a sail with one paulin oars. Steer with third oar.
9. Water is more important than food. Catch all possible rain water. Fill every available and improvised container and then drink as much as you comfortably can. Paulin is used for drinking water and should be kept free from salt and dry to prevent mildew. *Never drink seawater.* drinking water, rinse your mouth, gargle, then swallow. Sucking a button or small hard object relieve thirst.
10. Use bailing bucket and sponge to remove water that may have been shipped.
11. Use one paulin as shade against sun. Attach it to one side of raft and pull over survivors. Don't fasten at other end because raft may capsize. Oily part of fish, just under layer of skin, may be helpful in relieving sunburn.
12. The film shows the catching of fish to supplement diet, and demonstrates well-known hints.
13. *Emergency radio.* Start sending signals immediately. The film demonstrates how to use and operate the "Gibson Girl." The kite should be used if wind is over 7 mph. If wind is not enough, use balloon, but there is only one charge of hydrogen. The film shows a hydrogen balloon in operation. Hydrogen gas is explosive. Radio transmits SOS automatically as long as it is in operation. A light may be used for illumination or sending blinker signals by manual keying at night.
14. *Sea marker* - This is a powdered fluorescent material poured over water when search parties are in vicinity. It makes the sea bright green. It is useful only in daylight.
15. *Very pistol and cartridges.* The number of cartridges is limited. Use only when they will be seen. Shoot them when rescue plane is sighted.

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**AGENCY CARE OF
CREW CASUALTIES
DEMONSTRATES KIT USE**

This film (TF-3335 or MA-3432) demonstrates the use of *First Aid Kit, Aeronautics* issued for each two men aboard an AAF plane. The film includes instructions for using each item and the first-aid treatment for pain and shock, bleeding, wounds and cuts, burns

ures.

In the first part of the film the flight surgeon lectures and demonstrates when and how to use syringes, iodine, sulfa powder and tablets, gauze compresses and bandages, boric acid eye dressings, splints, tourniquet, and Halazone tablets.

The second part of the film is a simulated scene of casualties on a bomber after enemy engagement. Crew members illustrate what has been learned by recognizing injuries and treating them under conditions inside a plane.

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**SIGNALS
RESCUE**

Pyrotechnic flares signaled a Dutch PT Boat to the rescue of a B-18-C pilot and crew forced down while on sub patrol near Curacao. The right engine had quit. A power landing with the remaining engine was made at an altitude of twenty-five feet. Landing was tail down and across a swell. The sea was rough and temperature was about 28 degrees C. The plane stayed afloat three days. A five-man life raft was used. Rations consisted of one quart of water, and parachute rations were stale and dehydrated. The parachute was used for protection against weather. Rescue was effected after three days.

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BOOK REVIEWS

**ARCTIC MANUAL - TM 1-240.
DEPARTMENT REVISION AS
OF JANUARY 1944-ORDERED**

A new edition of the Arctic Manual is designed primarily to acquaint men with the environment in which they are living when they are stationed on more remote posts and camps in arctic and sub-arctic areas. It contains valuable hints

and is of great value off the land in emergencies.

One of the manual discusses "Character of the Arctic Country." It covers basic geographical features, including information about tides, currents, weather, topography, inhabitants, and animal life.

Two other chapters concern procedures and techniques designed for living in frigid zones. This Army manual treats special problems of providing heat and shelter, obtaining and preparing water, caring for clothing and equipment, traveling, preventing and treating arctic ailments, and making the best of forced landings.

TM 1-240 is widely distributed to Army personnel. It is used as a training manual in teaching Mountain Troops, Arctic Search and Rescue Squadrons, and Weather Units serving in arctic climates. The U. S. Marine Corps has requested 1,500 copies and 1,000 copies were ordered by the U. S. Navy.

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**RECIPE FOR SURVIVAL
BY COMDR. WILLIAM C
BLISS, IS PUBLISHED**

"Recipe for Survival" first appeared in *U. S. Naval Institute Proceedings* for July, 1943. In recognition of the clear and comprehensive value of this article as instruction in the abandon-ship technique, it was reprinted in pamphlet form

for wide distribution among Navy personnel. It has now been made available to a large audience through its publication in the March 25, 1944, issue of *Colliers Magazine*.

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**4F SURVIVAL
L NOW IS UNDER
RATION BY ADTIC**

SURVIVAL, a manual containing general and pertinent information on the techniques of survival at sea and methods of living in the jungle, desert, and arctic areas of the world, is now under preparation by the Arctic, Desert, Tropic Information Center

by Air Forces. This publication is a condensation of JUNGLE, DESERT, ARCTIC, OCEAN EMER-
sued by the Office of Flying Safety, AAF. Printed on waterproof paper and approximately
ide and 7 inches long, the booklet is designed to be carried conveniently in life-vest
towed in droppable kits and all types of rubber rafts. It is anticipated that the manual
ailable for distribution in several months. In addition, ADTIC is preparing more de-
klets for specific geographic and climatic regions of the world that will be placed in
oms and reference libraries of the theaters which they treat.

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EXHIBIT EQUIPMENT

**TYPE B-4 PARACHUTE
EMERGENCY KIT DESCRIBED,
SPECIFICATION NO. 40463
DRAWING NO. 43J100434**

The B-4 Kit is a seat or back-pad type, assembled to each flyer with equipment and supplies for emergency event of forced landings or abandonment of aircraft in desert, jungle, water, or rugged areas.

This B-4 Kit was designed to replace the present type B-1 Alaskan and Type B-2 Jungle Back-Pad when the present supply of Type B-1 and Type B-2 Kits is exhausted.

The container is of olive drab canvas. It opens on three sides with a metal zipper. about 15 x 13 x 2 inches and weighs approximately 12 pounds complete.

Inside the top is an unattached cushion in a waterproof case. When the cover is ripped the upper end, it is found that the kit padding actually is a short quilted poncho. It is with feathers and measures 66 x 40 inches when unfolded. This may be used as protection against cold, or as a signal panel in case of necessity.

A webbing strap on the waterproof case permits the container to be worn as a knapsack.

The lower half of the B-4 is lined with felt and has molded sections designed to hold the following equipment:

- 1 compass, packet type, in a hunting case.
- 1 container assembly for water made of translucent vinylite.
- 1 transparent waterproof match container filled with matches dipped in paraffin.
- 2 flares, parachute emergency kit signal, "5 minute Red Fusee."
- 1 pair of gloves, mechanic's, Type D-2.
- 1 pair of goggles, with green lenses, in leather case.
- 1 headnet, mosquito.
- 1 emergency fishing kit contained in a wax-sealed package, 4 x 1 1/2 x 3/4 inches.
- 1 pan assembly, emergency kit, cooking, consisting of a separate frying pan, handle and lid.
- 1 parachute ration contained in a tin box, 6-5/8 x 1 1/2 x 4-1/8 inches and including package of cheese, 1 package of biscuits, 2 2-oz. chocolate bars, 1 1-oz. fruit
- 7 cubes of sugar, 1 package of coffee, 1 package of lemonade powder, 3 packages chewing gum, and 1 tube of water purifying tablets..
- 1 parachute emergency kit fire starter in a can, 2 inches in diameter.
- 1 pocket knife with three blades.
- 1 machete with folding handle and 10 inch blade, in a metal sheath.
- 1 parachute first-aid kit in a transparent plastic case which fits into the frying pan. This includes boric acid ointment, 6 tablets of benzedrine sulfate, 8 salt tablets, 12 atabrine 0.1 gram, iodine, 30 halazone tablets, 8 tablets-0.5 grams, 7.7 grams each of sulfadiazine, 5 grams of crystalline sulfanilamide, compressed tea, new cotton thread (for clothing repair), 6 1-inch adhesive absorbent compresses, 2 tabloid bandage compresses, a package of soap.
- 1 glass signaling mirror with lanyard, ESM/1.

The Army Air Forces Technical Order No. 00-30-145, February 17, 1943, in describing the kit indicated that it should be supplemented by the first-aid packet (Medical Department, 1 97785) worn on parachute harness. To the list above this adds a Carlisle first-aid dressings syrette of solution of morphine tartrate, and one tourniquet.

**BRITISH APPROVAL OF G.D.P.
LIFEJACKET LIGHT WITHDRAWN**

The Air Sea Rescue Agency has been advised that the Ministry of War Transport has withdrawn its approval of G.D.P. type of lifejacket light made by Hallex Ltd. A in B1-Weekly Report #6, Emergency Rescue Equipment, November 10, 1943, carried a list of lifejacket lights, including the G.D.P. type, reported at that time to have been approved by the Ministry of War Transport. Latest reports, however, advise that subsequently the G.D.P. type light was found unsatisfactory.

The last issue of the B1-Weekly Report had been published before this information was by The Air Sea Rescue Agency, successor to the unit which formerly published the Report.

ADDITIONAL TYPES OF EQUIPMENT RECEIVED
(January 30 to April 1, 1944)

Catalogue No.	Object	Source
44.58.1	Air compressor, diaphragm, experimental model.	The Cornelius Co. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
44.61.1.1-2	Kit, fastener, NAF 1156-1 Spec. K-2.	United Carr Fastener Corp., Cambridge, Mass.
44.62.1-12	Signals, USN, drift, night, AN Mk.5, Mod. 1 (12) RESTRICTED	NAD, St. Juliens Creek, Portsmouth, Virginia.
44.64.1.1-38	Still, portable, Series C, Model 10G (10 gallon cap.)	Higgins Ind., Inc. New Orleans, La.
44.64.2.1-27	Still, portable, Series C, Model 2½G (2½Gal. cap.)	Higgins Ind., Inc. New Orleans, La.
44.67.1-2	Fabric, aluminum coated, "Insulation Facing #1" (2 samples)	E.I. Dupont de Nemours & Co., Inc. New York, N. Y.
44.72.1	Transmitter, rescue, sample	Signal-U Mfg. Co. Youngstown, Ohio
44.73.1.1	Cushion, rubber sponge, for use with parachute pack British	U.K. (through British Air Com. Washington, D.C.)
44.73.1.2	Compass, marching, magnetic British, Mk. 1	U.K. (through British Air Com. Washington, D.C.)
44.73.1.5-8	Sea Markers, fluorescein, British (4)	U.K. (through British Air Com. Washington, D.C.)
44.73.1.9	Pistol, 1", for use with 1" red Mk. XII. T signal cartridges, British	U.K. (through British Air Com. Washington, D.C.)
44.73.1.10-20	Signals, distress, 2 star red, Mk. 11, British (11)	U.K. (through British Air Com. Washington, D.C.)
44.74.1.1-2	Compass, wrist, liquid, Swedish, Silva, Type 10	OSRD Research and Development (through Mr. Waldemar Dietz)
44.74.2-4	Compass, Swedish, Silva, Type 15	OSRD Research and Development (through Mr. Waldemar Dietz)
44.76.1-3.1-5	Kits, "Scotchlite," reflective sections cut to fit life raft oars (3)	Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co., St. Paul, Minnesota
44.77.1-2	Preservers, life, expendable, oral-inflating, experimental (2)	OQMG Military Planning Div. (Dr. E. L. Gustus)

Catalogue No.	Object	Source
44.79.1.1--2	Skis, Army (1 pair)	Allied Aviation Corp., Baltimore, Maryland
44.80.1	Float, life, Carley, Canadian, 10-man	Naval Storekeeper Montreal, Quebec, Canada
44.82.1-17	Preservers, life, cap- tured enemy (German, Ita- lian, French, Japanese) (17)	Navy Dept., Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Washington, D. C.
44.84.1.1-16	Container, aerial deliv- ery type A-10'	Western Plastics, Inc., Glendale, California
44.85.1.1-5	Respirator, Swan's, "rubber lung"	E.D. Bullard Co. Washington, D.C.
44.86.1.1-6	Heater, lifeboat and raft, emergency, R.C.N.	Canadian Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. (Naval Member)
44.89.1.1-2 44.89.2-6.1.	Signals, smoke, Canadian, orange small, 15D/116 (6) (samples, hand made)	Canadian Joint Staff, Washington, D.C. (Air Member thru Sq. Ldr. Smith)
44.91.1-5	Containers, waterproof, empty (5)	U.S. Rubber Company, New York, New York
44.91.6-8	Bags, boiling, collap- sible (3)	U.S. Rubber Company New York, New York
44.94.1-3	Chart "handkerchief," waterproof, NACI-HO RESTRICTED	USN, BuAer, Air Combat Intelligence
44.97.1	Lamp Assembly, identification for aerial delivery container	CSD, FASC, Patter- son Field, Fair- field, Ohio
44.97.2	Parachute "canopy," cargo aerial delivery, red	C, SD, FASC, Patter- son Field, Fair- field, Ohio
44.97.3	Parachute assembly, cargo type G-2, white parachute	C, SD, FASC, Patter- son Field, Fair- field, Ohio
44.97.4.1-2	Container, Assembly, cover and body, for use with cargo para- chute 44.97.2	C, SD, FASC, Patter- son Field, Fair- field, Ohio
44.97.5.1-14	Container, aerial delivery type A-5	C, SD, FASC, Patter- son Field, Fair- field, Ohio
44.102.1	Kit "DS," desalination 2 quart ration	Dr. Alexander Goetz of California
44.103.1-6	"Shark chasers" (6)	Naval Research Lab- oratory (thru Mr. S. Springer)

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Catalogue No.	Object	Source
44.104.1.1-2	Knife, trench, M-3, and scabbard M-8	Ord. Prop. Officer Ft. Myer, Virginia
44.111.1	Mask, gas, protecting re-breathing mechanism, with quick release disconnect	Mine Safety Appli- ance Co., Pitts- burg, Penna.
44.115.1-3	Raft, life, Weber, 20-man (section)	Weber Showcase & Fixture Co., Inc., Los Angeles, Calif. (thru Coast Guard)
44.116.1-3	Vests, life preserver, pneu- matic, Types F-6, F-10 and F-12 (experimental)	Firestone Tire & Rubber Co., Wash. D. C.
44.120.1	Hat, sun protective, for use in life rafts (aluminized fabric)	Thermo Electric Prod- ucts, Inc., Nash- ville, Tennessee
44.123.1-4	Compresses, emergency, Calhoun	Surgical Devices Co. Bronx, New York

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